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Priuate Praiers, for Houſehoulders to medi-*tate vppon, and to* ſaye in theyr Families.

Mark. 11. 24.

¶ *VVhatſoeuer ye deſire vvhen yee praie: beleeue that ye ſhall haue it, and it ſhall be daue vnto you.*

Rom. 10. 13.

¶ *VVhoſoeuer ſhall call vpon the name of the Lorde, ſhall be ſaued.*

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Pſal. 55. ver. 16.

I will call vnto God, and the Lord will ſaue me. Euening and morning and at noone, will I praye and make anoyſe, and hee will heare my voice.

¶ Godlie priuate Prayers for Houſeholders, to be ſayde in their Families.

A Prayer conteyning the effect of the Houſeholders Catechiſme.

ALmighty GOD, and moſt mercifull Father, I ſee in thy bleſſed Lawes and commaundements, the greatnes of my ſinnes and wickednesse: Yea, I ſee (O Lorde my God) the whole courſe of my life to be almoſt nothing elſe, but a continuall breaking of thy holy Lawes and commaundements. The thoughtes of my heart (eyther in vanitie, or elſe open wickednesse) are in number infynite, daylie in the aboundaunce of them, cauſing my mouth to ſpeake, and my body to execute and doe contrarie to thy holie wyll. And againe, (O Lorde) I ſee thy heauy wrath, vengeaunce, and iudgement againſt ſinne to be intollerable, that euen the leaſt wicked

thought & moste secrete cogitation of my heart, procureth thy heauy wrath, and euerlasting curse, the tormentes of hell, and euerlasting fire, euen although I had but once in all my lyfe, broke one of thy commaundementes, so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord God) that thou arte true & iust, and canst not abyde sinne and wickednesse, but wylt iustlie punishe euerie sinne, euen with the selfe same tormentes of hell, which thy iustice hath appointed, euen for euerie sinne.

This, O Lorde my God, throweth me downe, and euen amazeth me, so that I knowe not what to doo. I looke into my selfe, viewing mine owne power, whether I am able to ouercome this punishment of my sinne or no: And I see that all, euen the moste exquisite punishment which I can deuise to my selfe, in whipping of my body as long as I lyue, wearing heauie cloath, pining my selfe with fasting, or any other paine, I see, I see (O Lord) that all this punishment is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes, because it deserueth euen the euerlasting paines of hell. I looke to heauen, I see there is no Saint nor Angell able to abide & ouercome this

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punishment of sinne: I looke to men in this worlde, euen to the Popes treasure, that wicked man of sinne, and I see that neyther his masse nor purgatory, pilgrimage, pardons, penáce, satisfactions, nor any of such lyke wicked stuffe: alas. I see they are nothing for ꝑ satisfying for one of my least wicked thoughtes: seeing the punishment is due by the iust decree and sentence, thy euerlasting curse. Wherefore I am driuen out from my selfe, and all that I can do, to seeke this punishment discharged other where, or else to quaile vnder the burthen. I see there is no helpe for me in Angelles, Saints, nor mortall man, but only in that perfect man Christ Jesus thy deare sonne, in whom I see the full punishment of my sinne wholy payd, satisfied, discharged, and ouercome, death banquished, the paynes of hell in victorie swallowed vp, the curse satisfied, and the eternitie of the punishment (through his euerlasting power) ouer reached. This I see (O Lorde) by the eyes of fayth, bering through thy holie spirite, wholie assured, that all the whole punishment of sinne, payde by my Sauiour Christ, is not only paide for other men: but euen also for me

and my sinne. This assuraunce of my fayth bæing thine onely worke in mæ, I beseeche thæ in mercie to strengthen and increase, for I fæle it often full of wauering and doubting. Graunt that I may daylie more and more in my soule & conscience, fæle my selfe knitte and grafted into the body of thy sōne, wherby I may be assured that whatsoeuer he hath done, pertayneth to mæ, and is fully and wholy mine: that I may through the power of his death, fæle daylie sinne dye in mæ, and through the power of his resurrection fæle my selfe risen from sinne, to haue my full ioy and comfort in those thinges which be agreeable to thy holy wyll, vtterly detesting, hating, and abhorring from my heart all thinges, which be contrarie to thy wyll and pleasure, that euen in this lyfe I may styll leche for this endlesse ioy and felicity, vsing the things of this worlde; as though I vsed them not, till that good time that it shall please thæ to call me to thine euerlasting kingdome of glorie, there to raigne with my Lorde and Sauiour Jesus Christe for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ A prayer vpon the Lordes Prayer.

O Moste mightie Lorde and eternall God, who hast by thy deare Sonne Christe Jesu our Lord and Sauiour, reconciled vnto thy self all things in heauen and earth, and in him hast made an euerlasting bonde and couenant with vs thy faithfull children, ✠ thou wilt not onelie be our God, but also our moste louing and merciful Father, wherof as a pledge thou hast giuen vs thy holy Spirit of adoption, wherby we may with boldnesse and full trust and confidence come to thee by harty prayer, as vnto our moste louing & merciful father, being assured that thou wylt not deny vs any thing which thou knowest shalbe expedient for vs: graunt we beseech thee (deare father) that we beeing fully perswaded in our hearts of this thy fatherly loue & affection toward vs, may be stirred vp to make our petitions with such an affectiō, ardent desyre, loue & reuerence to thy maiestie, ✠ our minds be not caried away with vy thoughtes creping in: but without al wāderīg may be fully bent & attentiue to the thing we

aske, and fullie stayde vpon thy mercifull and iust protection.

Halowed be thy name.

We then beseech thee (deare Father) that thou wilt strengthen our harts with thy holy Spirite, that considering thou hast made all things for ỳ glory of thy name: so we may in all our doings, enterprises, counsels and purposes, chiefly above all things seeke thy glory: that we may fully acknowledge thee (not only ỳ Author of all things) but the ruler, guider & gouernor of all things, both in heauen & earth, that we neuer diminishe thy vncomprehensible Glorie, by attributing vnto our selues any power, strength or abilitie to doo, will, or thinke that which is good: but from our harts we may acknowledge all our goodnesse to come from thee, yelding for the same continually praise & thanksgiuing to thy glorious Name. That we neuer by distrusting thy mercifull prouidence dishonor thy Name: but that euen in our greatest distresse, we may put our full confidence in thee, not looking vpō our weaknesse, but staying vppon thy power & promises, by harty prayer flying vnto thee our only refuge, that our whole lyfe maye be so framed accordyng to thy holie

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wil in all points, that thy glorious name in vs maye be sanctified, and that wee be not an occasion ẏ thy holy Name be blasphemed through our wicked life and conuersation.

Let thy kingdome come (most mercifull Father) appeare, and manifestlie be declared in all the worlde, but especiallie amongst thy Church, and faithful flocke, declare thy selfe Lord & King ouer them, ruling them by the Scepter of thy holie word, & force of thy holy spirit. Encrease the nũber of faithfull Pastors and Preachers amongst the people: blesse their labors to ẏ increase of this kingdom of thy deere son Jesus Christ, and to ẏ destruction of the kingdom of sathan & antichrist. Suppresse the rage of the enimies, that they may knowe that thou (O Lord) doost raigne in all ages, to the behoofe of thy Church, and terrour of thine enimies.

Graunt these mercies, good Lord, not only to the whole Church in general, but especially to euery one of vs thy children perticularly: graunt that we may effectually feele the force of this thy kingdom in our heartes. Beate downe in vs our old corrupt Adam, with al sinful delights

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thoughts, motions, and desires: and re-
new in vs day by day, our spirituall and
inward mã, that we may be wholie bent
to delyght, thinke, desyre, and do those
thinges which be acceptable in thy sight.

Frame our heartes (good Lord) with
such humble obedience to thy holy Wyl,
that we may be hartely well-cõtent with
whatsoeuer it pleaseth thy goodnes to lay
vpon vs: that we neuer cease in our mi-
series, but continually call vpon thee by
hartie prayers, although we fele no re-
lease at all, yet stil patientlie we may
abyde, and quietly waite for thy good lea-
sure and appointed tyme of deliuerance,
when thou knowest it shal be most expe-
dient for vs.

Graunt vs (deere Father) that all our
counsels, studies, labours, & endeuors, bein
by thy holy spirit guided and fraued, we
may euery one in that vocation, in which
thou hast placed him, so faithfully trauell
to the discharging of our consciences, and
edifying of thy Church, that our account
may be found acceptable before thy throne
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be content with those benefytes which thou shalt bestow vpon vs, whether they be many or few, acknowledging them to be receyued of thee: not gradutie to care for them, or vainly to delight in thē, but thankfully esteeme of them, as thy benefites bestowed vpon vs, and as faithfull stewards moderatly to vse them, to the reliefe of our brethren, and the discharge of our consciences.

Increase in vs (good Lord) the gifte of faith, that we may dayly more and more in our soules and consciences be assured, that our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted out, and covered with the full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice of thy deare son Christ Iesu our Lorde and Saviour onte made for vs: that we are united, knit and made one body with him, partakers of his righteousnesse, iustyfication, and holynesse, & euen fellow heires with him of euerlasting lyfe, that we may vnfaynedly from the bottom of our harts loue thē for this thine vnspeakable goodnesse and mercie: forgiuing from our hearts our Brethren which do offend vs, pray for them, loue, cherish, and cōfort them as fellow members all of one body, with perfect naturall

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lowe and compassion, lincked together to our head Christe Jesu.

Leade vs not into temptation.

Strengthen vs (good Lord) with thy holy spirit, that we be not ouercome with y subtill suggestions and sinful motions of Sathan the Deuill: holde vs vp with thy merciful hand, that we slepe not in sinne, that we be not drawne awaye with the wicked worlde, nor the entisementes of the flesh, to delight in wickednes: but so arme vs with thy mighty power, y we may stronglye abide all the assaults & subtill sleights of our ghostly enimy, & sincerely to walk before thy face, both in prosperitie and aduersitie, to thy honour and glory, the health of our soules, and profit of thy Church, through Jesus Christ our onely Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

The Lordes Prayer more at large.

Our Father which art in heauen.

O Most mightie and eternall God, who of thy infinite lowe to mankinde, hast giuen vs thine owne eternall Sonne Christ Jesu our Lord, to be made man for vs, in the symilitude of synfull flesh, to become flesh of our flesh, bone

[illegible] of our bones, in all things like vnto [illegible], sinne onelie excepted: who bæing thy [illegible] & natural sonne, hath made vs with [illegible], sonnes, children, and heyres to thee [illegible] most mercifull Father, giuing vnto [illegible] by grace, that which is his by nature. [illegible] by his due, alone, once offered, suffi-[illegible]ent sacrifice, hath payd the raunsome of [illegible] sinnes before thy diuine Maiestie, to [illegible] thy iustice vpon sinfull fleshe.

Which debt bæing payde for vs, he hath [illegible]ought vs in fauour with thee, so that [illegible] maye nowe with boldnesse and trust [illegible] to thee, as vnto our most merciful & [illegible]uing Father, with ful assuraunce, that [illegible] thy loue is so much greater and more [illegible]cellent towardes vs, then all loue of [illegible]arthly Parents towards their children, [illegible] thou passest all men in goodnes & mer-[illegible], so thou wylt denie vs nothing which [illegible]all be expedient for vs. So that al-[illegible]hough all ẏ fathers which are in earth, [illegible]auing shaken off all feeling of fatherlie [illegible]aturalnesse, would forsake their chyl-[illegible], yet thou wouldest neuer forsake vs, [illegible]ecause thou canst not denie thy selfe [illegible] who promisest, ẏ if earthlie Fathers bæ-[illegible]ing euyl, can giue good gifts to their chil-

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dren, how much more wilt thou our heauenly Father, being altogether goodnes it selfe, giue good things to them that aske in thy sonnes name? And that although a Mother should forsake her children, yet wylt not thou forsake vs thy children, whom thou hast before the beginning of ỹ world in thy deare sonne Iesu Christe, chosen to be thy children and heires with him of thine immortal kingdom. Wherof (that we in our selues might be sure & certaine, and out of all doubt that we are the children & heires of euerlasting life) thou hast giuen into our hearts thy holie Spirite, as a true pledge and earnest of our inheritance, which spirit doth assure our spirits, that we are thy children, and therfore cryeth in our hearts, Abba Father.

Halowed be thy name.

We therefore as thy deare children, raunsommed and bought by thy deare Sonne, flie to thee our most louing and mercifull Father, who in goodnesse arte infynite, in mercie aboundaunt, in substaunce incomprehensible, in immortalitie euerlasting: who by thy mightie power and syngular prouidence, rulest all things, according to thy heauenly wise-

wisdome: beseeching thee for thy deare sonne Christ Jesus his sake, that as thou hast sufficientlie set foorth thy glorious name, in making the whole world, heauen, earth, and all things therein contained: so we may in beholding & viewing thy creatures the works of thine hands, be lyfted vp to thee our Lorde God, the Creatour and Maker, and in them, glorifie thy holie Name, acknowledging in them thy synguler goodnesse and loue towards man, for whose vse thou hast created all things, both in heauen and earth: and that we may for the same, euen from the bottome of our hearts, yeelde due honour, prayse and thankes giuing to thee (deare Father) all the dayes of our lyfe. Graunt most mercifull Father, that we may in heart and minde be fully assured, that thou by thy Heauenlie prouidence, rulest and guidest all things in Heauen & earth, so that nothing in the whole world commeth to passe, but according to thine appointment: that thou guidest & frameſt the affaires & doings of men, ẏ thou hast euē their hearts & al their powers in thy merciful hād, to turne thē which way soeuer it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom,

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so that whether we be in prosperitie or aduersity, we may acknowledge bothe of them to be thy worke in vs, and therfore be no lesse thankfull for sicknesse then for health: for sorrow, then for comfort: for a troubled minde, then for a quiet: for imprisonment and banishment, then for lybertie: especiallie, seeing we knowe that thou turnest them all (seeme they neuer so sharpe) to the comfort & commoditie of thy chyldren which feare thee, and that in all thinges which shall befall vnto vs, whether they be greeuous or ioious, prosperity or aduersity, life or death: thy holy Name may be sanctified in vs, by yeelding due and continuall prayse and thanksgiuing to thy eternal Maiesty, that we neuer cease to put our full trust & confidence in thy mercie, who hast promised to be our defender, buckler and shield, to keepe vs as the apple of thine eye, to delyuer vs when we cal vpon thee, to open when we knock, to giue when we ask, that we knowing our owne weaknesse, that of our selues we haue no power or strength to do, no not so much as to wyl ẏ which is good: we maye acknowledge all our strength, comfort, ioye, faith, loue, hope,

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and confidence to be thine oncite gift and worke in vs. And for the same, and the increase for the same, and for all the benefites in vs, whereof we fele our selues destitute, we maye constauntlie flie vnto the by harte prayer, requiring the same at thy mercifull hande. And hauing felt thy mercifull dealing towardes vs, wee maye alway to the ende of our lyfe continew thankfull to thy blessed Name: that we neuer speake or think of the (O Lord God) without high reuerence, and an obedient feare vnto thy glorious Name.

And that thy kingdome (O Lorde) may more gloriously shine amongst men, subdue the harts of the people to be obedient to thy worde. Lyghten all Nations with thy glorious Gospell, raise vp faythfull Ministers of thy worde, aboundauntly in euerie place, who with pure and perfect zeale in true knowledge, maye fede the hongry soules with the fode of life. Lighten the hearts of thy children, whome yet thou hast not called to the feeling of thy mercies in thy Sonne reuealed. Beate downe the fury and rage of the kingdome of Sathan & antichrist with all tyrauntes, who shewe their vtter malice and furie

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against thy deare and faithful flock. Confound their deuises, suppresse their pride, and so strengthen all thy true and faithfull seruauntes against their rage: that they may haue true wisdome to confound their enimies, and stedfast constancie to confesse the trueth of his glorious Gospel, euen to the death. And that euerie one of vs maye feele the force of this thy kingdome particularlie in our selues: we beseech thee kyl in vs, by thy holie spirite, all wicked delightes of sinne, & vanities of this world. Mortifie in vs our earthlie & carnal affections, & graunt that we may haue our ful delight and pleasure in thee our heauenly Father, and in thy sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and sauiour, and reuerently embrace thy holie Worde, that our soules may be comforted therein, and our faith thereby confirmed. Lyghten our vnderstanding, that we may in thy holie Worde learne, and in heart be fully assured that thou art our most mercifull Father, and thy deare Sonne, our Lorde and Sauiour. Beate downe in vs all sinfull motions of the aduersarie, which do rebell against thy holy spirite, and settle and frame our mindes by thy holy spirit in vs, that all rebellion

in our flesh being kylled, we may quietly with staied mindes and consciences, set our full ioye, comfort, and consolation in heauenlie thinges, walking before thee in sincerite of minde, put our full trust and confidence in thee, rest and quiet our selues wholie in thy mighty protection and prouidence.

And for as much (O Lorde God) as of our selues we be nothing but stubbernesse and rebellion: we beseech thee (deare Father) that as thine Angels in heauen do wyllinglie obeye thy Wyll, without resistaunte: so we thy children in earth, (all stubbernesse and peruersenesse, by thy holie Spirite in vs being vtterlie extinguished and quenched) we may wyllingly submyt our selues, resigne and yelde our whole affections to thee, O Lorde, to be gouerned after thy blessed and heauenlie Will. That we may take in our selues no other motion of desyre, then a meete consent to thy holie Will, that what seeuer affections in vs fight against thy holy Wil, thou wilt vtterly make them voide. That we neuer will any thing of our selues, but that thy holie Spirit in vs may gouerne our hearts, by whome inwardlie

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bæing taught, we may learne to loue, embrace, and take comfort in thoſe thinges that pleaſe thee, and to hate thoſe thinges ẏ diſpleaſe thee. That our hearts, minds, and wylles, bæing wholly ſubdued to thy moſt bleſſed Wyll, we may wyllingly be content with that eſtate of lyfe, which it pleaſeth thy goodnes to exercyſe vs withal in this worlde, whether it be in aduerſity, or proſperitie, in ſickneſſe or health, in ignominy or glory, in quietnes or trouble, in ſorrow or gladnes. Graũt vs (deere father) this willing and patient minde, that euen in our greateſt diſtreſſe we may be content with thy good wyll, & not to murmur or grudge againſt thy Maieſty, knowing that thou wilt lay nothing vpon vs but that which ſhall turne to our goodnes or profit. And that we may patiẽtly abide whatſoeuer it ſhall pleaſe thee to laye vpon vs, that we be aſſured in our hearts, that thou wilt not lay more vnto vs, then thou wylt giue vs ſtrength to beare, and euen in our greateſt afflictions, wilt finde a way for our deliuerance, and that thy power & ſtrength is more fully declared, when we faile our ſelues vtterly voide of all ſtrength, & ſe no way of deliuerance:

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that wee maye in our most grieuous assaults, conflicts, and anguish of mind, submit our selues wholy to thy blessed wil, & loke for our deliuerãce at thy hand, when thou knowest it shall be most expedient for vs, and most for thy glory, leauing the time & meane of deliueraunce to thy good wyl and pleasure, and that in the meane time, we neuer cease but call vpon thee by heartie prayers continuallie as thou hast cõmaunded, vntil such time as thou shalt heare our peticions. And although after many & sundrie callings vpon thee, thou seme not to regarde vs, but rather deale more extreamelie with vs: yet notwithstanding, strengthen vs so with perseuerance in praier, that we faint not, but stil continue in praier, being assured that although we fele our selues nothing released, yet we may quiet our selues therein, that we as thy children haue layd our cõplaintes, greefes and sorrowes in the bosome of thee our heauenlie Father, who wilt as a louing father (when he seeth it most conuenient) helpe vs. And that although thou seme nothing to graunt our requests, yet we honor thee in calling vpon thy name: seeing thou dost accept it

as a most chefe honour, to be called vpon in the day of trouble.

And so, as much (deare Father) as thou dost by thy mighty power, nourish, feede, sustayne, preserue, and maintaine all liuing creatures, yea, euen the very young fowles and beasts: we beseech thee to send vnto vs thy children, (ouer whome thou hast a most speciall care) all things necessarie for this our present lyfe: that we hauing sufficient, may walke euerie one in our calling, in sinceritie and pure holynesse before thy face, acknowledging all our benefites of ritches, wealth, health, meate, drinke, apparell, and all other substance, to be thy meere gifts, bestowed vpon vs, and deliuered vnto vs from thy handes: that we be not drawne from thee through setting our minds too much vpon them, but so moderatelie vse them, as thy benefites for a time bestowed vppon vs, knowing that thou wylt at our handes require an accompt howe we haue vsed them. That we can not carefullie gape or sarke after them, but discreetlie to thy glorie vse them, acknowledging in them thy goodnesse and liberallity towards vs. And saying (most mercifull Father) that it is

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not our trauell, labor, paine, studie, or endeuor which is able to get vs our liuing, but only in so much as it pleaseth thy goodnes to blesse and prosper them: we beseech thee, that if through our great trauailes & paynes, we be yet styl in poore and meane estate, that thou wylt giue vs a contented hart, knowing that therby thou letteſt vs vnderstand, that it is thy good wyl & pleasure so to kepe vs vnder, that we more effectuallie maye giue our selues to serue thee. Or if it be thy wyl and pleasure more aboundantlie to blesse vs & our trauaile, to send vs aboundance of al things, we beseech thee (deare Father) giue vs a thankfull heart to acknowledge them to be thy good gifts, & frame our harts with such liberalitie, ỹ we may be contented to distribute them according to ỹ necessitie of thy children, hauing assured ỹ thou hast to that end made vs Stewards ouer them, that thou maist at his hãds require much on whom thou hast bestowed much, so ỹ we hauing the due estimation of thy benefites which we ought to haue: may bothe reuerẽce thy goodnesse in thy benefites, and supplie the wãt of our brethren, to the releefe of their necessitie, and furtherance of thy glorie.

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be done away, and cleane forgotten & forgiuen by thy merciful loue and goodnesse, declared in offering vp thy sonne to death for vs, we may be driuen to loue thee vnfeinedly from the bottome of our hearts, for this thine vnspeakable loue. And considering that thou hast in mercy pardoned so many our haynous offences, we maye gladlie be moued to forgiue one an other their offẽces. & put out of our hart all rãckor, malice, & hatred toward our brethrẽ, knowing that we are all members of one body Christ our sauiour: that so surely as wee haue forgiuen all them that offend against vs, we may be so certainly assured that our mercifull Father, hath forgiuen vs, lyke as we haue forgiuen our Brethren.

And for as much (most heauenly father) as we of our selues be feeble, frayle, and weake, and haue a strong and subtill aduersary satan the deuill, who goeth about continually lyke a roaring Lyon, seeking whome he may deuowre: we beseech thee strengthen vs by thy holy spirit, that we may withstand his subtyll suggestions & motions. Holde thou vs by thy mercifull hande, & keepe vs alway in thy sauegarde

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and protection, that we be not ouercome in the mighty assaultes of our aduersarie. And for as much as he ofté vseth euen our owne flesshe armed against vs, to conquer vs (we beseeche thee deare Father) mortifie, subdue and kyl in our flesshe all subtill suggestions, and sinfull motions of sathá, that we yelde not our seines as seames therevnto, but continuallie fight against them, & bring them into subiection of the spirite. Graunt vnto vs (deare Father) that we be not drawn through the subtiltie and slielye tormentes of sathan, to haue our delyght and pleasure in the vanities of this present worlde: but by thy Grace, might & power, may so in the prosperitie of this lyfe be vpholden, that our mindes with full ioye and comfort may be lyfted vp to our perfect consolation in our Lord and sauiour Christe, and in him take our ful and perfect ioy and consolation, so that no vaine delyght of this worlde put vs frō the same, neither any sharpe aduersitye, as powerty, misery, or calamity, through the malice of the deuill, driue vs to dispayre of thy merciful goodnesse towardes vs, but alwayes hauing through thy grace and assistaunce defended: we may be fullie and per-

perfectlie armed against all the subtill intrappings of sathã, and rest wholly in thy mercifull defence and ayde. For thou hast (O Lord and eternal God) in thy government, all thinges in heauen and earth, all power and dominion ouer all creatures, Angelles & deuils, to rule them according to thy good pleasure and will, to the profit and commoditie of thy Church, and euerie faithfull member thereof, and to thine owne incomprehensible glory in all ages, for euer and euer thy glorious name may be exalted, and thy faithfull flocke edified through Christ our Lord.

¶ A Confession of sinnes with faith and repentaunce.

O Mercifull and heauenlie Father, we thy seruauntes do humblie prostrate our selues before thy Maiestie, acknowledging here in thy sight our haynous offences cõmitted against thy Maiestie, seeing & beholding thy heauy wrath against them, we feele our selues laden (O Lorde our God) with a huge cõpany of horrible sins, whereof euen ỳ very least, hauing but cõceyued in thought, is sufficiẽt in iudge-

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sting burning lake. Our owne consciẽces
(O Lord) do beare witnesse against vs, of
our manifold trãsgressions of thy blessed
lawe, of our security & senceleſſe blindnes
rũning headlõg to destruction, cõmitting
sin after sin (although not notorious to ỹ
world) yet horrible before thine eye. The
thoughtes of our hearts rise vp in iudge-
ment against vs, the vanitie of our talke
before thy Maiestie condempneth vs, the
wickednesse of our dedes from thy sight
reiecteth vs, all our wicked thoughtes,
wordes and dedes, with the inward cor-
ruption of our nature, do altogether as it
were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne, lie
heauy vpon vs, & with their intollerable
weight, do euen preſſe vs downe to hell.
We do dayly grone vnder the burthen of
them, inwardly lamenting our owne folly
so gredily running into them. In heauen
earth, or hell, we se none able to sustaine
the weight of them, but euen thy dearelie
beloued sõne Jesus Christ, who (in mercy
infinite, and compaſſion endleſſe) hath su-
stained & ouercome that endleſſe punish-
ment due vnto them. In him therefore, in
him (most merciſull Father) and through

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him we come to thee, being fullie assured according to thy promise, that then wylt accept & take that full recompence which he thy deare sonne hath made for vs, as a iust raunsome for the synnes of all those who with a true fayth take holde on him. In him therefore we see thine anger towardes vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, and our debtes payde.

Increase in vs (good Lord) we beseeche thee, this lyuelie and fayling faith, for wee fele it oftentimes in vs verie weake, and troubled with many doubtes. Increase it in vs (O Lord) that we may through thy holy spirit be assured, that the punishmẽt of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne discharged. Make vs (O Lord our God) to fele this same in our soules & consciences, that Jesus Christ is ours, and all that he hath done, that we are grafted into his body, & made one with him, and therefore fellowheyres with him of everlasting lyfe. Let vs not onelie haue these wordes in our mouthes (good Lord) but through thy holy spirite, let vs fele the comfort of them in our hearts fully sealed & setled in vs: that we fayling our selues inwardly before thy iudgement seate discharged, and our con-

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sciences towardes thee appeased, maye be
swallowed vp with an vnfeyned loue to-
warde thy heauenlie Maiestie, & towards
our brethren for thy sake. Make sinne to
die in vs dayly more & more, that we may
hate, detest, and vtterly abhorre all syn &
wickednesse in all men, but especiallie in
our selues, that we may strongly through
thy holie Spirite, set our selues in open
warre and defiaunce against all sinne and
wickednes: that we please not our selues
in our sinnes, but straightlie examining
sinne by ỹ iust rule of thy holy Lawes: we
may vtterly from ỹ bottom of our hearts,
condempne euen the least sinne in our sel-
nes, hauing our whole ioye, comfort and
consolation vpon those thinges which be
agreable to thy blessed will, alwayes be-
ing afrayd to dw any thing cõtrarie to the
same. That we may euen from ỹ bottome
of our harts, examine & trie our thoughts
before thy presence, that they be vpright
& vnfeyned, not hipocriticall in outwarde
show only and appearaũce: but that euen
all corners of our hearts being opened &
disclosed before thee, we maye euen as
though it were openlie before the face of
the whole worlde, bring them in thether,

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knowing that a double heart is detestable in thine eyes, and that we may walke alwayes as before thine eyes, not onely before the eyes of man, beeing more carefull to walke circũspectlie, in this respect, that we haue thee to be a vewer of our doings, a thousãd folde more then ẏ eyes of man, that thus we may walke as becõmeth thy children, not onely in outward shew, but also in sinceritie of heart, abhorring euen the least sinne in our selues, stryuing, resisting and fighting against sinne, not delighting our selues in sinne, nor norishing the same in our breast: but earnestly embracing, and studiously seeking after those things which be pleasaunt in thine eyes, that neyther the feare of man, nor losse of godes, lyfe, landes, possessions or freends, drawe vs away from thee, to doo any least thing contrary to thy wyl & pleasure, neither the fauor or freendship of mã, nor yet the flattering entisements of this world, nor the vaine promotions of the same doo moue vs any whit from the true and endlesse ioye, delyght and pleasure which we ought to haue in those thinges which be agreeable to thy will, & the constaunt performaunce of the same: but that alwayes

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to the ende of our life we maye continue in thy pathes, growing & increasing from fayth to fayth, from strength to strength, till at length we shall come to thy euerlasting rest. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the estate of the whole Church.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father, for as much as by thy holy word we are commaũded in our prayers, not onlie to be mindful of our selues, but also of all others thy children, yea, euen of our enimies: we commend vnto thy diuine Maiestie, all thy whole true and Catholique Church, & euery member thereof: that as it hath pleased thy goodnesse by the bright beames of thy holy word, to shine ouer ȳ whole world, whereby thou hast expelled, driuen awaye, & caused to vanish the darke and misty clowdes of ignorãce and superstition: so thou wouldest vouchsafe by thy holy spirit to touch the hearts of men, that they may ioyfully imbrace that thine so high a treasure sent amongst vs, that through our vnthankfulnes we prouoke not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from

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vs. Trushe, bruse, & destroy with the breath of thy mouth, the mighty power of that man of sinne, which so proudly exalteth him selfe above all that is called God. Let not thy simple flocke (deare Father) in whose consciences he of long tyme hath, and yet doth syt as GOD, be any longer poysoned with his sweete smelling poysons: but so lyghten their hearts, that they may perceiue his inglings, and vnderstand the swart and comfortable doctrine of life everlasting, reuealed in thy glorious Gospell.

And for as much as it hath pleased thee in mercie aboue all Nations of the earth, to powre downe the swete showers of thy heauenly Graces vpon this our English nation aboundantly, in more plentifull wise, watering the same with the giftes of thy holie Spirit, in promoting thy Gospell, and ouerthrowing Idolatry: we beseech thee continue thy fauour towards the same, & vtterly roote out all remnaunts, reliques & monumentes of Idolatrie, that thy glorious Name may be thoroughlie exalted, in sincere, pure, and holie worshippe. And as thou hast in mercie sent amongst vs in this thy Church, vtterlie banished all false, venemous & poysonful doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Chil-

dren heretofore haue bin woũded to death, and in place thereof hast placed the true and comfortable Doctrine of lyfe euerlasting, wherewith the soules of thy Children be fedde and nourished to euerlasting ioye: so in lyke mercie and fauour we beseeche thee, deare Father, establishe in the same thy Church a true, perfect, and sincere regiment thereof, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed Worde, all fantasies of mannes braine, and dreames of humaine pollicie vtterlie abolished, that thy glorious Maiestie only may be exalted in the light of thy glorious Gospel: and that thy Church may florishe and encrease, being through thy protection ayded, supported, mayntayned and defended. We beseech thee by thy holy spirit, guide and rule euery part and member thereof, especiallie thy seruaunt Elyzabeth our Queene, whome thy gratious fauour and mercifull prouidence hath appointed a cheefe member in the same, vnder whose winges nere vnto thy protection it hath a cheefe succour and support. Graũt vnto her (O Lord) a pure and perfect zeale, aboue all thinges to promote thy glorie, first and cheeflie, in labouring and endeauoring of her selfe, earnestlie in wyping away and purging out of

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thy Church all blots and deformities, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere forme of worship, agreeing to thy blessed Worde, vtterly to remoue all stumbling blocks which lay & hinder the course of thy Gospel. Graunt her in like manner, O Lorde, the spirite of wisedome, discretion, and gouernment, that with equitie and Iustice, she maye so this whole Realme, which thou hast committed to her charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned: that she may studiously labour, that as well through the whole Realme, vertue be exalted, and vice abandoned: especiallie, in her owne house and Court, that all wicked vanities of this worlde, all licentious and inordinate life, all flattering & dissimulation being vtterlie banished, the feare of thy glorious Maiestie, maye so reigne in the hearts of all within her Palace & Court, that their lyues & conuersation may be agreeable to thy blessed will, in sinceritie & true holinesse and integritie of life, that from them (as from the head) may shine purity of life, & conuersatiō, as an example & paterne of true godlinesse to the whole Realme. Preserue her, we beseeche thee good Lorde, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good will, she may haue a long and quiet raigne ouer vs,

to the benefite of thy Church, & the aduãcement of thy glory. Indue the whole counsell (good Lord) with true and perfect wisdome, that in all their consultations and counsels, hauing thee present before their eyes: they maye consult of those thinges which principally & chiefly may be for the aduãcement of thy glory, & the commodity of the church, and next for the quiet peace & gratious gouernment of this Realme. So lyghten all inferiour Magistrates of this Realme (good Lord) with the brightnesse of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy will, they maye zelously defende, maynteine and further the course of the Gospell with the swoorde of iustice, cutte off the wicked, and cherishe the godlie.

Defend and gouerne by thy holie spirite, the Pastours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zelously, earnestlie and dilligentlie fede thy flocke committed vnto them, with the fode of lyfe, thy blessed woord, wherewith their soules maye be nourished to lyfe euerlasting. Increase the number of them, deare Father, place ouer euery flocke, a godly, learned, and painfull Pastor, who may painfullie & carefullie trauayle euerie one in his charge, to bring

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thy people (which nowe alas in most partes do wander and goe astray like lost sheepe) to the true knowledge of thee their Lorde and God, & of thy deare sonne Christe Jesu their Saviour. And for thy mercie, we beseech thee, to take pittie upon thy poore and simple flocke, roote out all ravening wolves, which have craftily crept into the sheepfold, and do make havocke of the Soules of thy symple flocke. Cast out all hyrelings, tyme servers, and dumbe dogs, which to fyll their bellyes onelie, have thrust them selves among thy sheepe, and do pittifullie suffer the flocke of Christe thy sonne, to be devowred and scattered of the wolfe. Stirre up good Lorde, & place in their roomes faithfull shepheardes, which diligentlie, painfullie carefullie, and earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, sake to winne the soules of thy people, out of the tyranny and power of Sathan, to the fredom of thy deare sonne Christe Jesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furnished with godly learned pastors, we beseech thee to prosper & increase in all godly knowledge, all Schooles of learning, especially the two Universities, Cambridge, and Oxford. Graunt deare Father, unto all the students of the same, that the cheefe ende of all their

studyes maye be to the furtheraunce of thy Church, and mayntenaunce of the common wealth. Blesse their studies, deare Father, that all vaine studies set asyde: they may so fructifie in all profitable and godly sciences, that hereafter they maye become profitable members of thy Church, & godly vpholders of the common wealth.

Geaunt (god Lord) to all the whole commons of this Realme, that their hearts beeing touched with a sincere feare and reuerence of thy heauenly Maiestie, acknowledging thy mercie, in placing ouer them a godlie Princesse, they may euerie one in their callings, walke in all true and humble obedience vnto her, in thee and for thee without resistaunce, tumultes, insurrections, conspyracies, or rebellions: knowing that to resist the higher powers, is to rebell against thy Maiestie. Finally, we beseeche thy goodnesse to guide and gouerne the heartes of all the whole Realme of euerie degree, that euerie one in his calling, beeing by thy Grace supported, may so occupie his Talent, that thy glorie in all thinges may be aduaunced, thy Church inlarged, and this whole Realme into sincere godlinesse vertuously reduced.

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God) in mercie to beholde all these which suffer persecution for thy glorious Wordes sake, whether it be imprisonment, death, or banishment, or what soeuer else: Strengthen them good Lorde, that they hauing thee alwayes before their eyes, and thy glorie layde vp for them in the lyfe to come: maye continue constaunt in defending the trueth, without feare of man, or vaine allurements of the worlde, that whether it come by lyfe or death, they maye glorifie thy holie name in continuing in the trueth to the ende. Preserue in lyke maner we beseeche thee, all thy children, whom it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of crosse to chasten for their amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, warre, pouertie, imprisonment, sickenesse or bannishment, trouble of conscience, deration of Spirite, disquietnesse of minde, want of spiritual cõfort, or whatsoeuer kind of affliction of body or mindes, thou doest trie them with: that by thy holy spirite being fullie assured, that thou by this thy correction myndest to call them back to a fasting of their sinne, and due cõsideration of their life and cõuersion, that they may patiently abide thy Fatherlie tryall, looking for ayde, helpe and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most

conuenient to thy godlie wisedome, and being by thy merciefull hande once delyuered, maye acknowledge thy singuler power and worke, giuing all laude and prayse to thy glorious Name: and afterwardes, all the dayes of their life, studie and line before thee in sinceritie and perfect holinesse, euen to their lines ende. Amen.

Morning Prayer for priuate houses and Families.

O Gracious God, and louing Father, according to thy Commaundement, we do heere present our selues before thy Maiestie, humbly prostrating our selues before the throne of mercie, acknowledging & confessing from the bottome of our hearts that we be myserable sinners, daylie breaking thy cõmaundements, bothe in thought, worde, and deede, wherein we iustlie deserue euerlasting dampnation, and to be vtterlie throwne from thy presence, yet (O Lorde) wee see thy goodnesse againe towardes vs, who not suffering vs thus to perishe in our sinnes, hast sent thine owne deare Sonne Iesus Christe, to take vpon him what soeuer is due, to reconcile and make vs at one

with thee againe. In him therefore, good Lorde, and through him do we come vnto thee, beseeching thee for his sake, that we feeling the grieuousnesse of our sinnes, and groning vnder the burden of them, maye fele the release and ease of them, in that we be through thy holy spirite assured, and stedfastlie beleeue, that Christe hath borne the burthen of them, euen for vs. Graunt (O Lorde) that we beeing assured hereof in our consciences, may through thy holy spirit be renewed in the inner man, to hate, detest, and abhorre sinne, and to studie to lyue according to thy blessed wyl, during our whole lyfe.

We do not onelie praye for our selues, but also for all thy whole Church, especiallye such as be persecuted for thy worde: graunt vnto them, that whether it be by death or lyfe, they maye glorifie thy Name to their lyues ende. Be mercifull to this Churche of Englande and Irelande, we beseeche thee good Lorde, and preserue euerie parte and member of the same, especiallye thy seruaunt Elyzabeth our Queene. Graunt her all such giftes as be needefull for so high a calling, to the aduauncement of thy glorie, and benefite of this common wealth, to the eſtab-

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blyshing of a perfecte gouernement of thy Churche, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed Worde, to the rooting out of all superstition and reliques of Antichriste, to the gouerning of her Subiectes in all peace and tranquilitie. Defende her (O Lorde) from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions, and so worke in the hearts of all her Subiects, that knowing her authority doth come from thy heauenlie Maiestie: they maye with obedient heartes humblie obeye her, in thee and for thee. Preserue the whole Councell, & the Magistrates of the Realme, that beeing lyghtened through thy holy Spirite, they maye defend thy trueth, suppresse wickednesse, and mayntaine equitie. Beholde all the Pastours and Preachers of the worlde, blesse theyr labours, encrease the number of them, place ouer euerie Church a paynefull watchman, remoue all ydle Lubbers, and confounde the power of Antichriste, and turne the hearts of the people, that they maye be obedient to thy trueth. Blesse the two Uniuersyties, Cambridge and Orforde, and all the Studentes of the same, with all Schooles of learning. Beholde all those that be afflicted with any kinde of Crosse, that they

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may profite by thy correction in newenesse of lyfe.

Lastlie, for our selues here gathered together, we heartilie crawe at thy handes, that it would please thee to make vs thankefull vnto thy Maiestie, for all thy louing kindnesse shewed vnto vs, euen from our infancie: especiallie, that thou hast this present night deliuered vs from all daungers bothe of body & soule. wherevnto many haue fallen, as wee in like manner shoulde haue done, if wee had not beene stayed with thy mercifull hande: that thou hast also graunted vnto vs so sweete and comfortable rest, and hast nowe presentlie brought vs to the beginning of this daye. For these thinges (good Lorde) we yelde vnto thee most harty thankes, beseeching thee to make vs more and more daylie thankefull vnto thy Maiestie for them, and pardon our vnthankfulnesse. And as thou hast safelie preserued vs vnto this present houre from all the daungers of this lyfe: so we beseech thee continue thy fauour towardes vs this daye, and the whole course of our lyfe. Defende vs, O Lorde, that we nowe entering into the affayres of this day, be not ouercome with the vaine allurementes of this worlde, to

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ſinne and wickednelle: that we walke not in the ſhaddowe of death, that we be not intangled in the ſnares of ſinne, that we ſtumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that we finallie fall not into the pytte of death, and deſtruction: but bæing ſhaddowed vnder thy winges, we maye cheerefullie and conſtauntly goe on forewarde to the ende of our courſe. Graunt vnto vs, O Lorde our God, that this good tyme which thou grauntest vnto vs in this lyfe, be not idlelie, or vainly of vs conſumed, but that euerie one of vs maye be diligentlie exercised in his calling this daye, and all our lyfe long, beeing aſſured that thou wylt once call vs to yeelde an accoumpt of our Stewardſhippe. Endue vs we beſeech thee, with thoſe gyftes, and graces which be needefull for vs in our calling, and that with a pure and ſincere conſcience, wee maye vſe them to the benefite of our Brethren, and diſcharge of our owne conſciences, before thy Maieſtie: We beſeech thee (O Lorde) that in all our conſultations, woords and workes this day, and the whole courſe of our lyfe, we maye alwayes haue thee preſent before our eyes, knowing that thou ſeeſt euen the verie darke thoughtes of our heartes, which alwayes maye be as a

bryde to pull vs backe, that we neither do, nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wickednesse: but that alwayes we maye be so exercised in the affaires of this life, that we looke still to the ende of our course, when it shall please thee to bring vs through the Pilgrimage of this lyfe, to our euerlasting rest, with thy deare Sonne Jesus Christe our Sauiour. In whose name for these mercies, and what soeuer thou knowest to be needefull for vs, and for thy whole Church, wee praye vnto thee, as he him selfe hath taught vs in his holy worde, saying. Our Father which art, &c.

The Lorde blesse vs, and saue vs, the Lorde make his face to shine vppon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs, the Lorde turne his fauourable countenaunce towarde vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lorde Jesus Christe, the loue of God the Father, and the most comfortable fellowshippe of the holie Ghost be with vs, preserue and kepe vs this daye and euermore. Amen.

Euening

Euening Prayer for priuate houses and Families.

O Gratious God and leuing Father, &c. As in the begynning of the Morning Prayer, reading so foorth, tyl ye come to this marke. ‡*‡ Then reade this following for the Euening.

Lastlie, for our selues hære gathered, we render most hartie thankes to thy Maiestie, O Lord, which hast hitherto from our infancie, preserued vs by thy mercie from all peryls and daungers bothe of soule and body, wherevnto frayle man is subiect, that thou hast sent vnto vs all thinges necessarie for this present lyse, as health, fœde, apparell, and such lyke, which many of thy deare children dœ want, bæing notwithstanding, as preciously bought with the precious blæd of thy deare sonne, as we be, and yet lye in miserie and calamity, oppressed with pouertie, nakednesse, imprisonment and banishment, in which case also (deare Father) thou mightest haue brought vs, saue onelie that thou dealest hærein more fauourablie with vs, then with them. For the which thy leuing kindnesse we giue thæ heartie thankes, desi-

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ning thie, that as thou hast hytherto thus fa-
vourably in mercie preserued vs by thy pro-
uision, and euen presentlie this daye hast
brought vs past all daungers therof: so we
beseech thee god Lord, in lyke fauour behold
vs this night, that we taking our naturall
rest and quietnesse, may through thy protec-
tion be defended, that our bodyes resting,
our soules maye be occupied in beholding
thy fauour and mercie toward thy children,
still looking for the comming of our Lorde
and Sauiour Jesus Christe for our full re-
demption. Graunt that our sleape be not im-
moderate, according to the lust of our flesshe,
but as much as is sufficient to refreshe our
weake nature: that being thus refreshed,
bothe the body and the minde may be more
able to do their seuerall office and function,
in that vocation wherin thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe
to rest, may be thereby put in minde of our
long rest of death: that as we do now lay
downe our bodyes in bedde, so we may be
thereby admonished, that hereafter they
shall be layde downe in graue, to be consu-
med to duste, earth, and ashes, from whence
they were taken. That we hauing this
before our eyes: maye be stirred vppe in

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minde warelie to walke in this our Pelgrimage, not knowing when the tyme shall be of our departure, but alwayes to be founde ready with our lamps of pure faith, clearely burning. that we maye be accepted to make the Bridegroome, when our mortall, earthly, and corruptible bodies shall be made like to the glorious body of our Lord & Sauiour Christe Jesu. there to raigne with him in perpetual ioy and consolation together with all the elect children of God, continually laudyng with all heauenly multitude, the glorious Maiestie of thee our Lord God and heauenly Father, in our Lord and sauiour Jesu Christe. For these and whatsoeuer elle thou knowest to be needefull for vs & thy whole Church, we praye vnto thee, as he him selfe hath taught vs, saying. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

The Lord bleſſe vs, and saue vs, the Lord make his face to shine vpon vs, & be mercifull vnto vs: the Lord turne his fauourable countenaunce vnto vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the moste comfortable fellowshippe of the holy Ghost, be with vs, preserue and kepe vs this night and euer more. Amen.

A Prayer to be saide before the studying or reading of holie Scripture.

O Heauenlie Father, what soeuer I am, what soeuer I haue, what soeuer I know, it is only by thy grace. For by nature I am the childe of wrath, & I am not borne a new of flesh and blood, neither of the saide of man, or of the wyll of man. Flesh & blood can not reueale the misteries of thy heauenlie kingdome vnto me: but by thy blessed wyl I am that I am, and by the same know I that I know. Therefore (O Father) do I commit into thy hands only, my saluation. If my knowledge be small, yet I doubt nothing but that I am the childe of thy euerlasting kingdome, and therefore by thy mighty power I shall grow (when it shall be thy good wyl and pleasure) to a more full & riper knowledge, as of a more perfect age, wherin my faith shall be fully able to comprehend & perceiue the breadth, deapth, heigth & largenesse of thy great mercies and gratious promises. But saying (O Father) this power of full knowledge & perfect reuelation, passeth all power naturall, and remayneth onely in thy power, and ỹ light of thy spirit. O Lord do thou what soeuer it shall please the, to

open vnto me and all the reſt of thine elect ſeruauntes & children, depending vpon thee ſo much of the lyght of thy countenaunce as may be moſt for thy glory and our comfort, yea, & at ſuch time as ſhall ſeeme good to thy wiſdome and fatherly mercy. In the meane while thus reſting wholy vpon thee, neither can I diſpayre, neither wyll I be too much carefull, although I can not attaine to the knowledge of many of thy workes, neither to the vnderſtanding of many places of thy ſcriptures. But I wil confeſſe vnto thee the weakneſſe of my fayth, wayting alwayes for ꝑ further reueling of thy glorious lyght to be vttered vnto me thy poore ſeruaunt, when thou ſhalt think (of thy fatherly benevolence & goodneſſe) meete and conuenient. I knowing moſt aſſuredlie that thou wylt pittie my weake imbecillitie and chyldiſhe infancie, and cauſe the ſame to ſerue for thy glory, & my great commoditie: ſeeing that I erre as a chylde before ſuch a Father, which canſt not put of thy fatherly pittie and compaſſion, but rather as thou haſt bought me vnto thee, to be an heyre of thy kingdome by the blood of thy naturall Sonne my ſauiour Jeſus Chriſte: ſo am I ſure that thou wylt lyghten me in the ende with full fruition of

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the bright light of thy countenaunce, that I may se thee & knowe thee, as this thy sonne knoweth thee: yea, se thee and knowe thee my Father face to face, and knowe thee as I am knowen. Thus rest I onelie in thy handes (O my God) craving of thee to increase my knowledge in thy holy Worde, whereby I may knowe thy good will and pleasure. And knowing the same: giue me, O Lorde, thy holy spirite to conduct and leade me in the same all ỳ dayes of my lyfe, that in sincerity of faith, and pureneſſe of liuing and conuerſation, thy glorious Maieſtie be magnified in me for euer. Graunt this, O Father, for thy dearely beloued Sonne our sauieur Jeſus Christ, to whome with thee and the holy ghoſt, be all honour, glory and prayſe, world without ende. Amen.

Prayers and thankesgiuing to be sayde before and after meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lorde God and heauenlie Father, in thy beloued Sonne Jeſus Chriſte, worke in our hearts true repentance, with increaſe of a true & liuelie faith, make vs thankefull vnto thy Maieſtie for all thy

benefites which we continually receyue at thy merciful hand, graunt vs the grace, that we may at this present with thākful harts, as from thy hands receyue meate and drink for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderation vse them to thy glœie, & through thy blessing, receiue them by perfect norishmēt, and aboue all we craue at thy handes (good Lord) ẏ heauenly foode of our soules, which neuer perisheth, that through thy gratious goodnesse, we may be nourished and strengthened bothe in soule & body to eternal life, through Jesus Christe our Sauiour. Amen.

Thankesgiuing after meate.

ETernall God, and mercifull Father, we yæld vnto thæ most harty thanks for all thy benefites so plentifullie bestowed vpon vs, especiallie that thou hast at this present fedde and nourished our mortal bodies with meate and drinke: we besæche thæ in lyke māner let our soules fæle the swæt taste of thy heauenly foode, that we bæing fedde and nourished at thy hāds, both in soule & body: may in this life walke as it becommeth thy children. & in the life to come, be receyued to thine eternall kingdome of glorie, through Jesus Christe our Lord and sauiour. Amen.

A prayer before meate.

O Mercifull and Heauenlie Father, who giuest fode to euerie liuing creature, & without whome nothing can liue, bleſſe and ſanctifie our meates and drinkes, which we are nowe about to receyue, that they may tarne to ꝑ nourifhment of our bodies, wherunto thou haſt appointed them, that we acknowledging thy gratious godnes (in ꝓuiding ſo liberally for our bodies) may with chærefull heartes be lyfted vp earneſtlie to long after the fode of our ſoules, wherby we may be fed eternally through Jeſus Chriſte our Sauiour. Amen.

A thankesgiuing after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for theſe thy benefits wherwith thou haſt now ſufficiẽtlie fed our bodyes, we beſeech thee make vs thankfull. And as we take the ſwetneſſe of them pleaſaunt to our bodies: ſo we beſeche thee, good Lord, that ꝑ fode of our ſoules may be as pleaſant & comfortable vnto our ſoules, & that we may with as carefull hearts ꝓuide for the nourifhment of our ſoules: as we are carefull for our bodies, tyl it ſhall pleaſe thy Maieſtie to bring vs to the place, where we ſhall neuer hunger nor thirſt more, but liue

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O Lorde our God and heauenlie Father, which hast prouided meate and drinke, for the nourishment of our bodies, giue vs grace to vse them reuerentlie, as from thy hands with thankfull hearts. And as we do greatlie hunger and thyrste for this foode of our bodies: so we beseech thee (good Lorde) that our soules may earnestlie hunger after the like foode and nourishmēt, that with earnest mindes we may seeke to haue our soules fed and refreshed eternallie, through our onelie Lord and saiuour Iesus Christe. So be it.

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this thy goodnesse, to be mindfull of them, which haue not such abundaunce to relieue them: that being all members of one body, we maye at length raigne with our head Christe, to whome be all honour and glorie world without ende. Amen.

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hast numbred, in ỹ edifying of thy Saintes, and glorifying of thy holie Name. And because (O Lorde) we knowe nothing of our selues, but our ignorant hearts are full of darknesse, therfore we beseech thee that this thy Worde (which is thine eternal wisdom) that nowe we haue read, (and wherein we haue had our conference:) maye be in our mindes a shining light of thine only trueth, and in our harts a fruitfull seede of our new byrth, so that thine owne Image may be happily restored againe in vs, and we maye be made before thee a holie & righteous people, by the inward working of thy gracious spirit, daily strengthening our harts in earnest loue of thy trueth, & carefull obedience of thy commaundementes, through Iesus Christe our onely mediatour, who in the sacrifice of his owne body, hath purchased vnto vs all thy fauour, and hath giuen vs this boldnesse to call vpon thee. Vnto whome (O father) with thee & the holy ghost, be honour and glorie, world without ende. Amen.

E. D.

A prayer for all times.

O Lorde God Father of mercie, and God of all consolation, without whom we haue neither

neither hope, nor cõfort, we poore wretches and miserable sinners beseech thee of thy fatherlie goodnesse to loke vpon vs, & so make vs partakers of thy gratious goodnesse, that we may styl increase in all goodnesse, so that euermore we may set forth thine honour & glorie. Let our conuersation be such, that a great many beholding our good workes, may glorifie thee our heauenlie father, and so direct our wayes, that we may hold forth the profession of thy Gospell as a Lanthorne to lyghten the steppes of a great many, that they may turne to thee, & praise thy name in their visitation. Thus, O Lord, we beseeche thee to deale with vs, that in deede we maye be vesselles of honour vnto thee, nowe to set forth the prayse of thy name, and after this transitorie life, to behold thy glorie, who dwellest immortalitie alone, and dwellest in lyght, that no man hath approched vnto. Remoue farre from vs our sinnes & iniquities, that they may not seperate betwixt vs and thee: blotte out of vs our offences, and make our prayers righteous, that thou mayst fauourablie graunt our requestes: loke vpon vs with thy fauourable mercy, that thou mayst haue pittie vppon vs, and beholde vs in the righteousnesse of thy beloued sonne Christe

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Iesu, & that we may be presented faultlesse in thy sight, and thou accepting vs as holie: we may find the grace euermore to set forth thine honour and glorie, and to speake of thy prayses in the middest of all thy people. Let vs loue, O Lorde, the thinges that are good, and hate the things that are euil, let vs delight in all thinges that may please thee, and let vs be grieued with what soeuer is displeasaunt in thy sight. And to the intent we may haue true vnderstanding, & be able to discerne betweene things, which is good or euyl: we beseech thee let thy word dwel plentifully in vs, which maye guide our vnderstandings so, ỹ we may abound in all knowledge, & do according to that which is righteous. And in this estate of true Christianity, being instructed in mind, and ready in body to all holie obedience: we beseech thee make vs to growe & increase from grace to grace, from faith to faith, vntyl we come vnto the fulnesse of age to be perfect members of the body of Christe, wayting for the blessed hope of thy elect, and sighing in spirite, vntyll the time that thy children shall be reuealed. In ỹ meane season, let vs sigh with all those that haue receyued the fyrst fruites of thy spirite, that these dayes of sinne may cease,

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that fathū be troden downe vnder fæte that Antichriste maye be reuealed, yet to many thousands ẏ be in ignorance, that the number of thine elect may be full, the body of thy Saints made perfect, all teares wiped from our eyes, euen then when the Sunne shall appeare againe the second time to iudge the quicke and the dead, which tyme (O Lorde) send quickly, according to thy good will, and teach vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come Lord Iesu, come quicklie. Graunt this (O Father) for thy sonnes sake, in whose name we praye vnto thee. And although we be but earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say vnto thee, (the God of all glorie) euen as he hath taught vs. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

E. D.

A prayer for all Estates.

O Lord God Father of lyght, with whom is no chaunge, neither yet shadowe of chaūge, but hast established thine appointed counsels, which shall not be chaunged for euer, thou (O God) hast made among vs this diuersitie of Estates & degrees, according as euery cōmon wealth requireth, keepe vs all, we beseech thee, ẏ we may walke obediently

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in our calling, and followe the steppes that thou hast set before vs, euē from the highest to the lowest, let vs accomplishe that duetie vnto which thou hast appointed vs, and with a faithfull remembrauunce of thy promise made of olde to our Father Abraham, that thou arte his exceeding great reward, we may likewise depend on thy prouidence, and seeke not any shamefull wayes to gette our liuing. wandring from the righteousnesse of our vocation, into the manifolde errors of sinne and iniquitie. Looke vpō vs, O Lord, and enritche vs with thy grace, make vs obedient to our inferiors, meeke towards our enimies, faithfull to our frendes, true and iust towardes all men, that we maye dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine eleci, vntyll thou shalt make an end of all our labours. Looke vppon our most excellent Quene, and her honorable Counsell, and as thou hast called them to the highest roome: so giue vnto them the greatest measures of grace, that they may faithfully dispence the Talents committed vnto them. Lead them with thy good king Dauid into thy Sanctuarie, that they may see thy louing kindnesse which is better then lyfe, and saye with the Prophet: All flesh is grasse, and the glory of

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man is as the flower of the field, and so consecrate them selues to do thy will, offer vp their bodies to be holie, liuelie, & reasonable sacrifices vnto thee, that they may be nurses & nursefathers vnto thy Church. Loke also we beseech thee vpon thy Ministers, whome thou hast appointed to the preaching of thy Gospell: make them (O God) faithfull dispensers of thy mysteries, without respect of personnes, to do the worke vnto the which thou hast appointed them, that they maye conuert sinners, & haue their glorie perfect in the day of Christ, and knit vs together in peace and loue, that they may be ful of compassion one towardes an other, to reioyce with them that reioyce, and mourne with them that mourne, especially to instruct one an other in the waies of righteousnesse, that by our mutual helpe we may ỹ better withstand our enimie, and dwell safe in hope of thine elect, till our dayes shalbe full, and we shall walke in the wayes of all the worlde. Which time we beseech thee bring vs happily vnto, euen for thy sonnes sake we beseech thee, to whome with thee, and the holy ghost, three personnes and one God, be all honour and glorie, nowe and for euermore. Amen. Amen.

A fourme of Morning prayer necessarie for this present time for godlie Christians, to vse in their houses and Families.

We moste humblie thanke thee (O heauenly Father) for the sweete and quiet rest that we haue had this night, for the louing and fauourable deliuerance out of all daungers both of body and soule, which we iustlie deserue to be throwne into, for our manifolde sinnes, for that thou hast raysed vs vp this morning, we praye thee to goe before vs: & for as much as thou sawst our sluggishnesse and drowsinesse, it would please thee (good Lord) to pull vs after thee, and to shewe vs those wayes, which thou hast appointed vs to walke in. And as thou renuest this morning, so renue thy mercies, and as thou causest the sunne comfortablie to shine to our bodily eyes: so vouchsafe (we praye thee) to be sunne vnto our bodies and to our soules, by the beames of thy holy Spirit, and Starre of thy blessed Worde, shyning into the middest of our harts, to driue away all the night and darknesse of all prophanenesse, to chase away all want of true feare of thy good plesure: and in place thereof,

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bring in loue towardes thy Glorie, zeale of thy House, loue also towards our brethren: especiallie, those that thou aboue the rest commendest vnto vs, that we maye loue them with that loue, wherwithal thou hast first loued vs, which is pure, vncorrupt, vehement, and euerlasting, and therefore, we pray thee to rid our hearts of all naughtie and corrupte loue, and whatsoeuer is vnmete to be in those vesselles that are to serue such a mighty Prince as thou art, and in those houses wherein it pleaseth thy Maiestie by thy holy Spirit to dwell: and therfore on the other syde (good Lorde) chase away from vs all rancor & malice, all pride, emulousnesse, disdaynfulnesse, vncharitablenesse, vnnaturalnesse, vnkindnesse, & whatsoeuer is cõtrarie to that loue, wherof thou hast giuen vs a liuely example in our Sauiour Jesus Christ: vnto the which example, graunt (good Lorde) that we may alwayes haue our eyes lifted vp, & therin holden, and caused thereby to profit, vntyl such tyme as we come into that perfectiõ, whervnto thou hast appointed we shall come. Vouchsafe moreouer by the comming of the selfe same spirite, to scatter in vs all the night & darknesse of ignorance, & forgetfulnesse, and of

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all those thinges which pertaine to the clearer & fuller knowledge of thy trueth. Take frō vs all negligence, all want of iudgement and discretion, and deliuer vs from all those things, which thou knowest to be hynderāces to vs, eyther to walke in that great calling of Christianitie wherevnto thou hast called vs: or in those seuerall and particular callings, wherin thou hast placed euery one of vs, that we maye walke so (good Lorde) both in the one & in the other, that thy name may be glorified in bothe. Amen.

Euening prayer.

O Lord prepare our hearts to praye, bowe downe thine eares (deare Father) and heare vs, open thine eyes and looke vpon vs for thy deare sonne Iesus Christes sake, and receyue our humble cōfession that we make to thee against our selues, which haue broke all thy lawes, and therefore deserue to haue thy heauie iudgementes powred vppon our heads to our vtter destruction, if thou shouldest enter into iudgement with the least of our sinnes (whereof we haue so great and infinite thousandes.) Notwithstanding, we praye to thee to turne away thy face from our sinnes, and for Iesus Christes sake to

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forgiue vs all that is past, and graunt that we may haue the assurannce of the forgiuenesse of our sinnes, sealed vp by thy holie spirit in our consciences, wherby we knowing that we are at one with thee: maye haue our harts kindled with thy loue so feruentlie, as it may waste in vs all that is against thy holy Will. And for this cause we beseeche thee (Lorde) to goe forwarde in the worke of our newe birth, that thou hast begon in vs, and neuer take away thy hande, vntyll such tyme as thou hast made an ende of it. And to this ende, we beseech thee to slay in vs euery day, more & more, the olde man with his concupiscences, nayling them to the Crosse of thy deare sonne Iesus Christ: and causing vs to feele the power of his Passion in our bodies and in our soules, that we beeing partakers thereof, may also come to the fellowshippe of his resurrection: not onelie in that we shall once appeare before thee, hauing these our base bodies chaunged, and made lyke vnto his glorious body: but also that we maye in the meane tyme ryse from the death of sinne to all newnesse of life, and that our good Workes maye so shyne before men, that they seeing them may glorifie thee our heauenlie father. Not onelie they that

are of the selfe same Religion with vs, but those also that are enimies vnto thy trueth, may rather in ꝯ time of their calling by the voice of thy Gospell, yeld them selues to be one sheepfold with vs. And we most humbly thanke thee (O heauenly Father) for all thy louing kindnesse bestowed vppon vs from time to time, and especially for that old and auncient Loue, wherewithall thou hast loued vs before the beginning of the worlde: for that also that thou calling vs by ꝯ voice of thy holie Gospel in that good tyme ꝙ thou appointedst for vs, hast giuen vs faith, hope, and loue, and all other Graces which thou knowest to be needefull for vs: which we beseeche thee to increase in vs with mightie increases, according to that thou seest we haue need of, hauing regarde to our manifolde enimies that we haue to wrestle with: and that we haue not to striue with flesh & blood, but against the Deuilles them selues. And therefore considering their strength and our weakenesse, their craft & our simplicitie, their watchfulnesse and our sluggishnesse, their long experience & our rawnesse, their preparation & our nakednesse, and that we haue not onelie nothing to helpe vs, but also do carrie about vs our owne cõcupiscences,

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readie to betraye vs into the handes of our enimies, it may please thee to furnishe vs from aboue, giuing vs the strength of thy holy spirit in the inner man, reaching vnto vs the cõpleate harneste of thy Grace, wherewith we beeing armed on both sides, may be prepared to all assayes, against all assaultes of our enimies. And for as much as in this weaknesse we oftentimes giue backe, and sometymes runne away, we praye thee (O Lord) that with the hand of fayth, we may laye holde on the victorie of our Saviour Jesus Christe: that albeit we be not able to ouercome in our own persons: yet notwithstanding, we may ouercome in his, who hath ouercommed for vs all, and so be partakers of those promises that thou hast knitte vnto that glorious victorie. And we moste humbite thanke thee also for those Graces bothe of the body and soule, which pertayne to this present lyfe: desiring thee to increase them vppon vs, and in vs, so farre forth as thou seest we haue nede of, to thy glory, the commoditie of others, and our owne comfortes: therefore we beseache thee (Lorde) to teache vs with thy holy Spirit, the lawfull vse of them: that thou wouldest not suffer our harts to be rested in them, but that at al

tymes we maye be wylling to parte from them. And when soeuer it shall please thee to call for vs, we may willingly goe vnto thee, as chyldren to their deare Fathers, straungers vnto their owne Countrey, and member of ỹ body vnto their head: and so much the gladder, by howe much thou Lord arte better then all the men in the world, and the kingdome that thou hast prepared, better then all the kingdomes thereof.

An addition to the former Morning prayer, as time and leisure shall serue.

WE praye not onelie for our selues (O most mercifull father) but for all those that thou hast appointed to eternall life: beseeching thee to gather the number of those that are to be gathered, those that thou hast already called, thou wouldest alwaies kepe: and to this ende (good Lorde) raise vp faithfull Ministers, bothe of thy Church and common weale, whose hearts thou wouldest fyl with all Graces of thy holie Spirite mete for their callings, mete also for these daungerous tymes. Rote out from among thy Church, all rauening & deuowring Beasts, which to fill their owne bellyes, destroy thy flock. Cast thy selfe of all hirelings and idle

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shepheardes, which haue no care at all to feede thy flocke with the holsome foode of thy blessed Worde, nor to rule them with that equitie, wherewithall thou wilt haue thy people to be ruled: those Pastours that thou hast giuen, it woulde please thee to increase the number of them. Those that are fallen a sleepe, and caried away with the corruptions of these tymes, that thou wouldest awake, letting them vnderstande the charge that thou hast committed vnto them, the trust that thou hast put them in, and the accompt that thou wylt take at their handes. Be gracious (O Lord) vnto this Land of ours, and enter not into iudgement with the horrible sinnes of it: namely, the contempt and lyght estéeming of thy holy Worde, so many yeares offered vnto vs, & we hauing trusted with all, so many Nations better then we hauing passed by, which would haue brought forth the fruits thereof, more then we haue done: and we not onely haue brought forth no good fruite, but rotten and vnsauourie, to prouoke thy Maiestie withall. Notwithstanding all these our sinnes, it would please thee in that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs, when we hated thee, & in that long patience wherein thou hast hytherto borne

with vs, and doost yet beare, and tariest for our repentaunce, to graunt vs hartie and earnest repentaunce, our heartes being effectually touched with thy holy Spirit, striking these rockie heartes of ours, that they maye be resolued into Riuers of teares for our sinnes, making them softe and meeke to receyue the print of thy holie Worde, and seale of thy blessed Spirit, writing with thy finger thine owne Lawes in them, so that thou nuest reade thine owne hand, acknowledge thine owne Seale, and so passe by vs, when thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon the face of the earth, for the iniquities thereof, whereof thou hast giuen, and styll giuest from tyme to tyme diuers tokens, whith we beseeche thee may be profitable vnto vs, whylst first of all we acknowledge thy hand striking vs, and thy counsel calling vs therby to repentaunce, that the heauier iudgementes do not fall vpon vn to our vtter destruction.

Moreouer, we thanke thee (O Lorde) for that it hath pleased thee to be ye watchman, and as it were the Eye of this Chutche and Common wealth, and hast foreseene all the stormes, and treasons comming against it, & against thine annointed our Souereigne,

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whom thou in mercy hast appointed to rule ouer it, and hast scattered them and brought them to naught, and hast pursued certayne of thine enimies and ours vnto death, beseeching thee to continue this watchfull and carefull eyes ouer vs, styl to do vs good, and to pursue the rest of thine enimies and ours vnto the graue: giuing notwithstanding repentaunce vnto them, vnto whome thou hast left place of repentaunce. And to this ende, rayse vp the hearts of our most gracious Queene and her honorable Counsel thy Magistrates, that as they syt in thy seate, and are called by thy Name, so they may execute thy Justice, which thou so well approuest of, where also thou wylt requyre a straight accompt at their handes. We desire thee also to shew these thy Graces to all other Churches of thine, namely thy church of Scotlande, that it may enioye that peace that thou hast giuen it, and graunt that the same be referred to the ende wherefore thou hast giuen it: namelie, to the full establishment of the throne of thy deare Sonne our Saviour Jesus Christe, and to the building of his kingdome there. We beseeche thee also for the Churches, which thy hande hath planted long since: especiallie those, from

whome we haue receyued knowledge in
tyme of our ignorance, places of refuge in
time of persecutiō: that it would please the
to continue thy louing kindnesse towardes
them, and therefore cause them to continue
their faith towardes the, and obedience to-
wardes thy holy Worde. And whensoeuer it
shall be thy pleasure, to trie them with any
kinde of affliction, it woulde please the to
graunt vnto them, that they may put their
trust in the, hauing regard to the truethe of
thy promises, and to the good experience that
they haue of thy help in times past, wherby
conceyue comfort and hope (O Lorde) euen
of lyfe in death, & of saluation in destruc-
on. We praye the also (good Lord) that we
maye haue the feeling of the mysteries of our
Brethren, as members of the same body,
and those that lyue by the same Spirite.
And therefore we pray the, that according
to the manifold troubles that thou shalt vi-
site them with, it would be thy good plea-
sure, to measure out thy grace in such plen-
tifull manner, that thy children may pati-
ently beare, and ioyfully attend, for the good
houre whereof thou knowest put them out of
all their troubles. And especially we pray
thy Maiestie for our Brethren that are af-

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sicke for thy Gospell sake: namelie, those that suffer imprisonment, or otherwise in any Nation, for the clearer testimonie of it: that it woulde please thee to giue them patience in all their troubles, wisdome and mouthes to defende thy cause, against all those that rise vp against it, that thou wouldest bleſſe their trauels & sufferings for that for which they are taken: which is, to giue a freer course of thy Gospel into all places. And therewithall we beseeche thee for the Churches of Fraunce & Flaunders, which are so miserablie racked and torne in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these cruell tryalles: that it would please thee to take vppon their sighinges and groninges, the teares that fall from their eyes continually, the blood that is shed in all parts of the Lande, the bodies that lye vnburied, to be meate to the Fowles of the ayre, & Fishes of the Sea, the lonenesse of Wiues lacking their husbands, children their Fathers, and euerie frende his frende. And for as much as those things are come vpon them for thy names sake: let it be thy good pleasure to helpe them, considering that they are forsaken of all their frendes round about: and therefore praye thee that thou wouldest not

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loke vpon our sinnes, nor the sinnes of our Forefathers, whereby we deserue not onely this correction, but vtter destruction, as Sodom & Gomorra: but rather loke vpon thy mercies which were before them, whereby thou hast sayd, that although we do offend, and thou doest correct vs, yet thou wylt not take away thy mercies from vs, but wylt leaue a remnaunt which thou wylt multyplie, and make as the Starres of the Heauen, and as the sandes of the Sea. Loke also (O Lord) vpon the outrageousnesse and crueltie, vnfaythfulnesse, and blaspemie of the enimies, wherewithall they blasphemie thee, and prouoke thee to thy face, and therefore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne sake, take the matter into thine owne handes, and paye into the bosome of thine enimies double and treble of that they haue giuen to thee. Notwithstanding, those amongst them, that belong to thine holy election hasten their calling, that afterwardes thy iudgement may hasten vpon the earth, and the inhabitaunts thereof may learne to know thee by thy iudgementes, that would not vnderstande and come to thee, by the louing calling of the Gospell. We praye thee (O Lord) for the brethren that are vp in

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armes in bothe those countreyes: that thou wouldest goe before them, and come behinde them, and on euery side of them: couer their heads in ẏ day of battayle, teach their hands to fight, & their fingers to warre, giue them wisedome and valintnesse, and good successe in all their enterprises, stryke a dyssinesse & maaze of spirite into their enimies heartes, & take away from them all force, and disappoint all their counsels. And vpon our brethren in Flaunders, we beseeche thee ẏ thou wouldest comfort them ouer al the troubles that they haue peceyued, and breaches that haue been made in vpō them: & where there are newe forces euerie daye gathered, newe sleyghts inuented to destroy them: it maye please thee to scatter their forces, and bring their sleightes to nothing. Yea, graunt also (O Lord) that that which they haue deuised against thy Children, may come vpon their owne headdes. And for our Brethren in Fraunce, we beseeche thee (O Lorde) what streyghtes so euer they be in, thou wouldest deliuer them, and although they be forsaken in the iudgement of all the world, & in their owne iudgements, notwithstanding, thou ẏ hast the issues of death in thine own hands, deliuer those that are appointed to death.

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And finallie, we moſt humblie thanke thée, for that it hath pleaſed thée to kéepe vs this day, and all the dayes & tymes of our liues: beſéeching thée, that thou wouldeſt receyue vs this night into thy holy kéeping, that we may haue quiet reſt, not of bodies alone, but of our Soules alſo, reſting from all thoſe thinges that are contrarie to thy holy will, attending whyle thou rayſeſt vs vp in the morning, to do all theſe thinges ẏ thou haſt appointed vs. Theſe thinges we deſyre of thée, & all other things (which thou knoweſt to be moſt néedefull for vs, and thy whole Church, better then we our ſelues do know) for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake: ſaying the ſame prayer, that he him ſelfe hath taught vs. Our Father which art, &c.

A Prayer for the Queene.

O Gracious Lord, and moſt mercifull Father, we acknowledge thée the Lorde of Lordes, and the King of kings, creating all the beginning, and ruling all thinges euermore in heauen and earth, according to thy wunderfull wiſedome and power: and our ſelues to be thy poore ſeruauntes, the worke of thy handes, and the ſheepe of thy paſture, ſubiected to thy Maieſtie, and depending

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vpon thy fatherly prouidence for all things. Neuertheleſſe, ſeing thou in thy wiſedome annointeſt Kinges & Quæenes, appoynting them to rule ouer thy people, to ſit as Lieutenaunts in thy ſeat, to miniſter iuſtice, and moſt of all, as Fathers & Nurſes to maintaine and cheriſh thy Church: commaũding vs not onely to obey and honour them: but moreouer to praye for them, as watching ouer vs for our good. We therefore beſeeche thee for thy great mercies ſake, and for Jeſus Chriſtes ſake, to ſhewe thy mercie to all Kinges and Princes, that mayntayne thy glorious Goſpel: but eſpecially we pray thee to bleſſe our gratious Quæene, in all ſpirituall bleſſinges in Chriſte Jeſus, and in all temporall bleſſinges, according to thy good pleaſure, that in the great meaſures of thy effectuall loue, ſhe may more & more finde great increaſes of vertue, and wiſdome, and ſtrength in Chriſt Jeſus, to the faithful and happy diſcharge of her duetie, that her holineſſe, and ioye, and zeale of thy houſe maye be multiplied and euerlaſting.

And ſeing it hath pleaſed thee, of thy ſingular mercy, to giue her this ſpeciall honor, firſt to ſuffer for thy glorious trueth, and afterwarde myraculouſlie deliuering her out

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of the hands of her enimies, to set a Crown vpon her head, and to make her the instrument to aduaunce thy glory and gospell, for which she suffered, & to bring it out of darkenesse into lyght, out of persecution into this great and long peace. As we giue thee most hartie thankes for this singuler benefite, so we beseeche thee to make her & vs euermore thankfull for it, and in thy good pleasure styl to preserue her for the continuaunce of these blessings towards vs, with al increase from time to time, to thy glorie, the benefit of the Church, & her infinite peace in Christ Iesus the Prince of Peace. And furthermore, we pray thee for her, and the estate, that such as be enimies of the Gospell, & her enimies also, for the defence therof, may not despise the peace offered them to repentaunce, but that they may accompt thy long suffering, & her peaceable and vnbloodie government, an occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfeigned loue to thy trueth, & their merciful Soueraigne. Otherwise if they styl remaine disobedient to the trueth, disobedient to her highnesse, & daungerous to the state, then (O God of our Saluation) as thou hast discouered them, so discouer them styll, as thou hast preuented them, so preuent them styll, & let

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their eyes ware weary with loking, & their heartes faynt with wayting for the cõming of that, which yet commeth not, neither let it come (O Lord) we beseech the, but a blessed, and a long reigne to her, & peace to Sion for euermore.

Also (deare Father) so blesse, so loue, so in thy Spirite sanctifie and kepe her, that she may in the Spirite of counsel and fortitude so rule that other after also, namely this her Cõmon wealth, that they may florish together, & grow vp together as Palme trees, in beautie, and in strength, giuing aide & helpe one to an other, that in ỹ Church the glorie of God may appeare, as the Sunne in his brightnesse, & that the land may flowe with Milke & Hony, and true peace aboũd therin, as in the triumphant reigne of Debora.

These graces (O Lord) are great, and we miserable sinners, vnworthy of the least of them: therfore loke not to vs but to thy self, not to our iniquities but to thy great mercies, accepting the death and passion of thy Sonne, as a full raunsome for all our offences: throwing them into the bottome of the Sea, and making his crosse and resurrection effectuall in vs to all obedience & godlinesse, as becommeth thy Saints, that to all other

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thy good blessings toward our gratious Soueraigne: this may be added, that she gouerneth blessedly ouer a blessed people, a people blessed of the Lord, and beloued of the Lord, and that thy graces may abound as the waters of the Sea, in the Prince and in the people, in the Church, and in the common wealth, from day to day, tyll the daye of our translation into thy kingdom, where iustice inhabiteth, where also we shal inhabite and raigne with thee, according to thy promise for euer. Graunt these thinges (O merciful father) for thy deare sonne our Lord Jesus Christe his sake, in whose name we craue them at thy merciful hand, praying furthermore for them, as he hath taught them to pray. Our Father which art. &c.

¶ A Prayer for mortification and holinesse.

O Lorde our God, most gratious and moste mercifull, I do acknowledge before thee, that I am vnworthy to appeare before thy high Maiestie, to offer vp vnto thee a sacrifice of prayer, being full of sinne, and corruption, naturally glad of euill, and vnprofitable to good: Yea, beeing so miserable, yet I see not my miserie, I feele it not, I bewaile it not, as I ought to doe, but multiply mine iniquities, prouoking thy iuste iudgement against mee. My zeale is colde, my loue feeble, my exercises of Religion fainte and fewe, and I take no way but that which leadeth from euill to worse, and finallie, would leade me from sinne, to the rewarde of sinne. All this is true, deere Father, yet my hart is not mooued with feare: all this is true, yet I do not sorrow for it. but walk with ioy, where I must (if I continue) reape affliction:

Therefore be mercifull vnto me & bleſſe me, be mercifull vnto me, and in Chriſt Jeſus waſh away all my iniquities: be mercifull vnto me, and create in me a new hart, and prepare it to prayer, and to thy holy ſeruice: for thou alone, O Lord art my hope, and the mighty God of my ſaluation. Thou haſt giuen me a deſire to ſerue thee, O teache me that I may doe it: & the good worke which thou haſt begun, make it perfect in me, that I may no more loue wickednes, and follow vanitie: but that my good deſires in thee may be increaſed, and all of them accompliſhed: ſo ſhall I prayſe thee, and magnifie thee for euer. For there is no honour but thy honour, no glory but thy glory, O Lord: it is in vaine to truſt in Princes, but truly to truſt in the Lorde bringeth plentifull ſaluation. From age to age it hath appeared, ỹ thou O Lord God, art mercifull, & that in thy courtes there is nothing but trueth & holineſſe. This worlde is full of vanitie, full of pride, full of rebellion, and the fleſh alſo. The world hath many baits to deſtruction, and the fleſh doth delight in them: they are ſworne together to betraye vs

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to Sathan, yea, we betraye our selues: therefore, deare Father, by the Crosse of Christ mortify in vs the deeds of ꝑ flesh, and crucifie in vs the deedes of the flesh, and crucifie bothe vs to the worlde, & the worlde to vs, that our soules may liue. In our general calling make vs obediẽt to serue the in holynesse and in righteousnesse all the dayes of our lyfe: in our perticular callings, also make vs faithfull, that we mayy neyther put away a good conscience, nor make shipwracke of faith. I beleeue, O Lord helpe my vnbelefe: in the day of peace and prosperity make vs sober: in the day of trouble and aduersitie make vs to looke vp, & cheerfully to wayte and trust in the for our deliueraũce, that our enimies mouthes may be stopped by our godlie cõuersatiõ & their hartspricked with zeale to turne vnto the. Neither do I pray O lord for my self alone, but for ꝑ whole body into ꝑ which I am grafted by Christe Iesus: that is for thy Church O God, for thine inheritãce, that thou wouldest increase it from one end of the worlde to another, that all Natiõs may worshyp before thy tabernacle. Especially, O Lord, I pray for them that professe thy Gospell, as

for this our Nation, that thou wouldest be mercifull vnto it, turning our harts to thée: For our gracious Soueraigne the Quéene, and for all her Councell, that thou wouldest powre thy graces vpon them to the discharge of their duty and our peace: for all the holy Teachers in the Church, that thou wouldst blesse thē and their labours: for the peace and full beauty of this Church: for the peace and wealth of the Commō-wealth. We pray thée also for to blesse al the meanes to bring this to passe. Also we pray thée for our Parents, for al others to whom we owe especiall loue or seruice: but principally wee beséeche thée to shewe thy compassion vpon all that are in persecution for thy gospell: O Lorde increase and renue their strength, giue them victorye, and turne their aduersaries harts, if they appertaine to thy holy election: otherwise, O Lorde bring vpon thē the confusion that they would bring vpon others, & into the pit ỹ they haue digged, let them fall and neuer rise vp againe. O Lorde, heare vs in these sutes: pardon our dull spirites: in prayer, and giue vs these and al other graces

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nedefull for vs, and the Church to thy glorye, for our Lorde Jesus Christe, in whose name as he hath taught vs, so we praye saying: Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

¶ A shorte Prayer for the Morning.

WE giue thee thankes, O Lord our God, in the name of Jesus Christe, for the quiet rest and slæpe, which thou haste bestowed vpon vs this night paste, for the preseruation of our bodies. Also, we thanke thæ for those greater graces of our creation, of our redemption, of our calling in the gospell, and for thy great patience in tarying so long for our repentaunce: beseæching thæ to giue vs this grace also among the rest, that we maye vse all other graces to thy glorye and our saluation. And nowe O Lorde, seæing thou hast renued the light of the daie vpon vs, renew also, we pray thæ, the light of thy countenaunce towarde vs, to open our eyes, that we may haue

sences exercised in putting a difference betweene light and darknes, betweene earthly thinges and heauenly thinges, betweene true obedience and hypocrisie, that hauing of thee this wisedome, wee may, by thy power eschew the euyl, and follow the good constantly and patientlie. For which cause, stretch foorth thy hand, O God, to leade and keepe vs this day in thy wayes, that we may doo all thinges in a holy zeale of thy glory, and in godly loue to our brethren. And as this day addeth somewhat to our age, so let thy holy spirit adde therin somwhat to our knowledge & fayth, that so growing in the measures of his grace, wee may serue thee in holinesse and righteousnes this day, and all the dayes of our life. Graunt these thinges, O deere Father, for Iesus Christ his sake, in whose name, we praye furthermore, saying. Our Father which art in heauen. &c.

A Prayer before sleepe.

O Lord GOD most gratious and most holie, we thy poore seruauntes beseeche thee for Iesus Christ,

Christ, to accept this our poore euening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgeuing: which nowe we offer vp to thée, giuing thée most hartie thankes, for thy loue towarde vs, this day paste, in képing vs from the punishment of our sinnes, that might iustlye haue béene layde vpon vs, and in féding our bodyes with swéete foode, and our hartes with gladnesse, shewing thy selfe not onely the Author, but also the cherisher and maintayner of our lyfe, we being vnworthy of the least of all thy benefits. But pardon our vnworthynesse, O Lord, throw all our sinnes into the bottom of ỹ Sea, which we this day, or at any other time haue committed against thée, and continue thy loue towards vs euermore, and namely this night: wherein although bodily darknesse be fallen vpon vs, yet kéepe vs from the spirituall darkenesse of sinne and ignorance: and though we craue quiet slépe for our bodyes, yet we beséeche thée that our mindes neuer rest nor slépe, but that they wayte and watch on thée continually. Kéepe them in good meditations, fræ from all vayne dreames, & other offéces, that waking &

ſléeping wee maye be thine, made and imployed to the ſetting forth of thy honour and glorie, in all holy obedience, through Jeſus Chriſt our lord, in whoſe name we praye further as he hath taught vs. Our father, &c.

A Prayer againſt the ſecrete venim, and great daunger of proſperitie.

O Lorde, prepare my hart to wiſdome, prepare it to prayer, and teach my ſoule to fæle all the daungers wherewith it is beſet on euery ſide: and graunt good Father, that I may not praye in words or in ſound of ſpeache, but in ſpirite and faith, I acknowledge to thée, Oh Lord, thy great mercies toward me at this time: for beſide the vnſpeakeable graces of my redemption and of my holy calling in the goſpell (which are euermore good) thou haſt giuen me a large meaſure of earthly bleſſinges, my Table is ritchly and daintely furniſhed, my Cuppe ouerfloweth, mine enimies are chaſed awaye, and I fæle no want, no affliction, no ſorrowe: My proſperitie leadeth me,

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as by the hande, from one delight to an other, and from one pleasure to an other. In the morning peace is at my right hande, and at night quietnesse at my lefte. Oh Lorde are not these thy blessings? Hast not thou opened thy mercifull hande, and fylled me with all these comfortes? true it is O Lord, that they come all from thée, and for them I am indebted vnto thée, & giue thée great thankes. But alas, Lord, I finde by experience that prosperity, (such is our infirmity,) carieth vs too too farre away, it fedeth vs so from day to day, and from time to time, with new delights, it ingendreth also secretly such peace and confidence in these thinges, which are but as a rèd to leane vpon, that we are caryed away, we forget not thée only, but our selues also. But ý day of aduersitie, the daye of sickneſſe, the daye of trouble, that layeth open our weakeneſſe, it causeth much care to bée released, it prouoketh many prayers for relefe: Oh it is a happy day, a day of returning to the Lorde, a daye of repentaunce, as in Sackcloath and Ashes. Oh how may my soule praise the daye

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of affliction, wherein I called vpon the name of the Lorde, and hee heard me, and I found that his rod comforted me. Neuertheleſſe, Oh good Lorde conſider and helpe: two dayes of health take away the fruite of many dayes of ſickneſſe, we are as men Seaſick, that coming on the ſhore: preſently returne to ioy and mirth, and forget both daingers on the Sea, and daungers on the lande. So came it to paſſe frō age to age in thy people of Iſraell, being tyed faſt in miſery & iron, they called vpō thée & receiued mercy, being deliuered they ſone turned back like a bow, & became dronken with proſperity. When thy face was againſt them, thy anger was kindled, & they caſt into affliction againe: but in their miſeries they renued their praiers, and thou diddeſt renew thy grace: but new proſperitie brought new rebellion, and new rebellion new puniſhmentes, and new puniſhmentes new conuerſation. The houſe of myrthe was to them, and is to all a bayte to wantonneſſe, but in the houſe of ſorrow a prouocation of humility and prayer: proſperity is as a cuppe of wine mingled with poiſon, as a bedde

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of securitie, and a waye to destruction. Therefore Oh Lorde with the fulnesse of earthly thinges, giue me also the fulnesse of spirituall things, that I forget thee not in vanity of life, or in the false delights of sinfull flesh. O keepe my hart that it be not made dronken with prosperitie: but graunt me in soberneſſe to vse thy blessings to thy glory, and to the reliefe of my brethren: and when I reioyce, not to reioice in these base things, (for that reioycing is euil) but to reioice in thee, turning my mirth frō wanton daunces, frō vaine Songes, from other carnal delights, to exercises of religion, to helpes of knowledge, and singing of psalmes with melody to thee in myhart. Finally O Lord seeing ỹ in this earthly prosperitie there is so great abuse and so present daunger, for want of grace to vse them. Oh Lorde teache me the true vse of them, that I may not set my hart theron, but in thee, giuing thee thankes for them: & labouring with all diligence through thy grace in Jesus Christ that they be not through my wickednes turned into curses. As Salomon teacheth Wisdome, to take heede of an Harlot,

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so teach me to take heede of vaine pleasures in worldy matters, that I be not bewitched with prosperitie, and forget thee, bathing my selfe in pleasures and neuer setting thee before mine eyes. O mercifull father worke this in me that I may be ritch in good works: ỹ I may haue, as not hauing, that I may vse the world, as not abusing it, but vsing it to thy glory in Christ Jesus, who with thee & the holyghost be blessed for euer. Amē.

A Prayer before Child-birth.

ALL thy waies are iust, oh deere father, & thy iudgements are true altogether. For worthily doth mā line in the sweat of his face, & the womā bring forth childrē with much paine & trauaile, & with great daūger. Yea O mercifull Father, this paine is not a sufficient punishmēt for ỹ greeuous transgressiōs wherwith we and our forefathers haue transgressed thy most holy wyl. The punishment is in respect of our demerites to small, but in respect of our weakneſſe, to great for vs, without thee to endure. Wherefore as I acknoledge O merciful father

this trauaile in Child-birth, which now approcheth, to be a iust rewarde of my manifold sinnes, so I acknowledge also thy ready arme of defence, stretched out ouer me and ouer al them that cal vpon thee in faith. Graunt therfore, O deare Father, that I may in faith, pray and waite for that time of my trauaile patientlye, that I may indure it, when it shall be present, constauntly and thankfullie: knowing that although I then feele some taste of the rewarde of sinne, yet I feele not al, and that little which I then feele, thou doest presently reward with comfort & gladnesse, when a childe is born into the world. The which comfortable & glad issue graūt me, Oh Lord if it be thy good pleasure, and hauing receiued such fruit of my body: graunt me moreouer wisdome & strength to bring it vp in thy feare, and to trauaile (as it were) againe with it, till it be borne againe into a heauēly life, to the glory of thy holy name, and my greater ioy: that so it may finally in Christ Iesus be partaker of those blessings which thou dost plentifully raine downe vpon the faithfull, & their seede for euer. And because I

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am not worthy to present this my suite to thy heauenly Maiestie of my selfe, a most wretched & sinful womã, I offer it in the name, in ỹ righteousnes, & in the strength of my Lorde & Sauiour Iesus Christ, praying furthermore as he teacheth vs to pray. Our Father. &c.

Ephe.5.14 ¶ Awake thou ỹ slæpest, & stãd vp from the dead, & Christ shall giue thée light.

Mat.5.16 Let our light so shine before men, that they may sée our good workes, and glorifie our Father which is in heauen.

Psa.45.6. *Psa.17.17.* We will sing of thy power, and will prayse thy louing kindnesse betimes in the morning, for thou hast bene euer our strength, our refuge, our defence, & our most mercifull Lord.

A Prayer for the Morning.

WE yéld vnto thée, our most hartie thankes, O heauenly father, for that ỹ hast deliuered vs from all perils and daungers of this night, and brought vs safe to the beginning of this day: we beséech thée that thou wilt in the same, & euer hereafter receaue vs into thy defence & protection:

tection: & as thou haste remoued ỹ darkenesse of the night, restored the light of ỹ Sunne and raised vs frō sléepe: so thou wouldst vouchsafe also to remoue from vs, the inward darkenesse of ignorauñce, to rayse vs from the sleepe of sinne, and to lighten our mindes with the beauēly beames of thy moste holy spirite, & with the knowledge of thy déere sonne our sauiour Iesu Christe, the true light of the world, that we eschewing the workes of darknesse, maye guide the steppes of our lyues after the light of thy holye worde, walking comly as the children of lyght, in holinesse and righteousnesse, as in the day, and in thy sight: and in the ende may come vnto that moste blessed eternall light, which thou doost inhabit, the same thy sonne our sauiour Iesu Christ being our guide thereunto. To whome with thee & the holy Ghost, one God of most glorious maiesty, be all honour and glorie worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ O God, who commaundeth the lyght to shyne out of darkenesse, shyne in our hartes, and giue vs the lyghte of the knowledge of thy glorye, in the face of Iesus Christ. 2. Cor. 4

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Act.1.5.6. Open our eyes that wee maye bee turned from darkenesse to light, and from the power of Sathan, vnto thee our God.

Acts.1.8. That we maye receyue forgiuenesse of sinnes, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faithe, that is, toward thy Sonne Iesus Christ.

An other Euening prayer.

ALmightie God, who as thou hast made the day for labour & trauaile, so hast thou created ỹ night for the rest & refreshing of our wearied bodies and mindes: wee most humbly beseeche thee, that as the night darkeneth & shadoweth all things: so thou wouldst for thy deere sonne Iesu Christs sake, hide our sinnes, remouing them from thy sight, putting away the memorie of thē by eternal oblivion, that as our bodies shall haue the rest of sleepe, so also our minds by hope of thy mercie, may enioye the rest of a quiet consci-

conscience: and so being wholy refreshed, wee maye awake and ryse vnto thy seruice the next day, and all the dayes of our lyfe: and when death it selfe shall come (from the which it is as easie for thee to rayse vs, as from bodily sleepe) we maye rest in hope of that most ioyfull resurrection, wherin our bodies shal awake vnto the euerlasting day, which shall neuer be interrupted with any darknesse: when we shalbe made partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, in that most blessed Cittie, the heauenly Ierusalem: where shall be no neede of Candell, neyther of the Sunne, nor of the Mone, to lyghten it: for thy glory, O God, shall lyghten it, and thy Sonne, the Lambe shall be our eternall lyght. Vnto the which most glorious light, and kingdome of thy deere Sonne we beseech thee bring vs, for the same our sauiour Iesus Christes sake: vnto whome with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glory nowe and for euer.

Amen.

A Prayer.

Almighty GOD, syth thou of thine infinite mercye, hast not onely admitted vs, but also taught, yea and commaunded by thy onely and déere Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christe (that we trusting in his merites and protection, he béeing our intercessor) should beléeue that thou art a louing Father vnto vs, and that we should also call thée Father: Giue vs we beseech thée that wée maye haue in our hearts, sure trust (without feare) of thy fatherly loue, and that we maye with glad minde, call thee Father, knowledge, loue, and crie on thee in all ieopardies, giue vnto vs an agréeing & brotherly loue, so that we may perceaue euerie one of vs, that we are truly, brothers and sisters, and may pray to thee as to our common and most merciful Father, euery one for other, euen as kinde children entreate their Father one for another. Graunt that none of vs séeke that which is his owne, or else forget other in thy sight: but that (auoyding all hate,

hate, enuie, and discention, as it becommeth the true children of God) we maye loue together with due fauour. Teache vs to regarde none other thing then our soule health, & the euerlasting heritage, so that this temporal cõtrey and worldlis heritage (which cõpasseth and noyeth vs, labouring to make vs earthlie, and lyke vnto it selfe) deceyue vs not, so that we say truely, and with a faithfull heart. O our heauenly father, giue vs thy grace that we maye be thy heauenly children, and graunt vs that in all perils, we may call vppon thy name without ceasing: graunt that by our sinnes no man maye take occasion to sclaunder thy name: giue vs before all thinges, true and constaunt faith in Christ, hope without feare in thy mercie, against all infyrmities of our weake conscience, and pure loue towards thee, and all men: kepe vs from infidelity, desperation, & mallice, so that wrath or any other bytternesse, haue not his kingdome in vs, lyghten mine eyes, least I slepe, or be wearie in the good lyfe once begunne: graunt that thy kingdome which shall come, maye finishe and performe this kingdome which is begunne

by thée. Make vs desire the other lyfe to come, giue vs grace not to feare death: but rather to desyre it, and to be with Christ. Endew vs with thy grace that we may gladly suffer all diseases, pouerty, despisings, persecutiõs, crosse and aduersities: knowledging that it is thy wyl to crucifie our wyll. Make vs that wée quite not euill for euill, neither to auoide violence, by violence, and that we impute it not to the deuill or euil men, when any aduersitie commeth: but vnto thy godlie will, without whome a Sparrow falleth not on the ground. Make that all our members, eyes, tongue, hart, hands and fæte, be not suffred to folow their desires, neyther that we be at any tyme subdued vnder them. Teach vs to vnderstand, that no man may hurt vs, except he do him selfe much more hurt in thy sight, so that we maye be moued rather to wæpe for his blessednesse, then to thinke of auengement, giue vs grace that we reioice not in their trouble, which haue resisted our wyll or hurt vs, and also that wé be not sorie when they prosper and haue welfare. O heauenly Father giue vs this grace, that the lyfe of Christe his

woorde, workes, and passions, maye be preached, knowne and holden, both of vs and of all the worlde. Giue vs grace that in our passions and aduersities, we maye cõfort our selues by his passion & Crosse, and that we maye with a stable fayth ouercome our death by his death, and followe without feare this noble Captaine into an other life. Teach vs by thy grace to thinke and haue in minde truelie (and as we ought to dw) the passion of Christ, and to ioyne it happilie with our life, so that we may come & attayne some thing, though it be but the shadowe of it. Finallie, giue vs our daylie bread, that Christe in vs, and we in Christe may dwell perpetuallie, and maye worthelye beare this name, sith of Christe we are called Christians. Giue the peace into our hearts, that wee reioysing, maye loke for thy iudgement and glorious comming of Iesus Christe in the clowdes, to whome is giuen all Iudgement in Heauen and in earth. Teach vs, dære Father, not to sticke or be comforted in our good works or deseruinges, but to submit our selues faithfully to thine incomparable mercy. Againe, make that we despayre not for

this our guiltie and sinfull life, but that wee may iudge thy mercie more mightie and stronger then our lyfe, how so euer we haue ordered it, so that we refreshed by the sure trust & confidēce of thy mercie in the bottome of our heart, may liue, die, suffer & take all thinges patiently. Make that wee resist and fight against this superfluitie of meate, drinke, slæpe, slouth, and idlenesse. Make that we may bring our olde Adam into bondage and subiection, with fasting, temperate diet, clothing, slæpe, rest, watch, and labour, so that he may be mæte and apte to good workes. Make that when wee heare any glad or pleasant thing, or feele any swæte thing, that we sæke not therein our delight and pleasure, but thy praise and glorie. Kæpe vs that the false subtiltie of this worlde, the counterfeite brightnesse and entycementes of the same, perswade vs not to followe it. Graunt vs by thy grace to possesse our soules with patiēce in all our afflictions. Finally, fulfill vs all with thy grace, that in this myserable & perillous lyfe, (which is compassed with so many continuall enimies that neuer cease) wee maye fight boldelie with stable and con-

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staunt faith, and obtaine the euerlasting crowne. O Father delyuer vs from sodaine death: kéepe vs from hũger, dearth and warre: kéepe vs from all euyll and perilles of the body to thy glory & our saluation. Graũt vs good Lord that all these prayers may be obtayned of vs without any doubt, neyther suffer ỹ we mistrust any thing, but that in all these thinges we shall be heard: yea, be heard already. And let all these things be sure and without any doubt, so may we with glad heart saye. Amen. That is to saye, stable, constaunt, true and sure.

Of Faith.

FYrst déere brethren, ye ought to giue diligent héede that you maye purelie vnderstand what Faith is, & what fruits procéede out of her, and to conclude the summe in fewe wordes: Faith is a sure perswasion and ful knowledge, that God for his trueth and righteousnes sake, will fulfill such promises as he hath made vnto vs, of his mercy and fauour, in his holie Testament, which sure perswasion

must be giuen from God. 1. Corin. 12. For it can not be gotten but by Gods power, neyther yet retayned. Therefore with feare & trembling performe that health, which is begunne in you, for it is God that worketh in you bothe the wyll, and also the dæde, euen at his owne pleasure, and sæ that with all mækenesse ye submit your selues vnto the vocatiõ of God, not sæking the lybertie of the flesshe, neyther yet despising good workes, and the Spirite of God which resteth in a faithfull man helpeth our infirmity, and fighteth without intermission against sinne, the deuill, and the world.

The power of Faith.

The power of Faith is to iustifie vs, that is to despoile vs frõ al our vices, and laye them on Christes backe (which hath pacified the fathers wrath towards vs) and to endue vs with an others righteousnes, that is Christes, so that I and all my sinnes are Christes, & Christ with all his vertues are mine: For he was borne for vs, & giuen vnto vs. Esa. 9. Ro. 8. To obtaine this righteousnesse, God the

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Father requyreth nothing of vs, but that we beleeue on him, and make him no lyar. Hee that beleeueth that God of his mercy hath made vs these promises, and that for his trueth sake, he will fulfill them: he setteth too his seale that God is true, but he ỹ beleeueth not, or doubteth of this (as much as in him is) he maketh God a lyar. 1. Iohn. 5. For why shouldest thou doubt in him, except thou thoughtest that he were a lyar, and would not kæpe his promise which he made. Now if thou countest God (which is the very trueth) to be a lyar: art not thou worthy of a thousand dampnations?

The worke of Faith.

FAith worketh by Charitie, for when my raging Conscience which fæleth her sinne, is pacified and set at one with God through faith: then remembring the feruent lœue of God towardes me, I can not but lœue my neighbour againe. For there is no man that hartelie lœueth the Father, and can hate the Sonne, and although the sonne be naught & vnthrifty: yet for his Fathers sake, he will helpe to

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better him, and euen lament and be sorie for the sonnes wickednesse. Lykewise, if we hartely loue God for his infinite benefites done vnto vs: then can we not hate that creature, which hée hath made after his owne likenesse, whome God the Father loueth so tenderlie, that he gaue his owne Sonne vnto ẏ death to redœme him: yea, and whome hée hath adopted through Christ to be his Sonne & heyre. Nowe albeit we sée no kindnesse in this man for which we should loue him: yet hath God shewed vs kindnes enough, for the which we ought to loue him and succour him at all times. Let vs therefore loue him for the loue that God the Creatour hath shewed vs, & beare his infirmitie: if he fall, let vs lyft him vp againe and endue him with our wisdome and all our workes, euen as Christe hath done with vs. And this is an euident token that thou louest God, when thou louest thy brother. 1. Iohn. 4. And séekest all meanes to helpe him. These are the good workes that follow faith, and are euident tokens that thy faith is right and pure. Thus séest thou how good workes flowe out of faith through charitie, and charitie

of loue, is the fulfilling of the whole lawe. Roma.13.

Good workes.

Among good workes, the chefe are to be obedient in all things, vnto kings, princes, Iudges, & such other Officers, as farre as they cõmaund Ciuill things, that is to say, such thinges as are indifferent and not contrary to the commaundements of God. For then must we rather obey God then men. Acts.5. Although we should leese bothe our substaunce and lyfe thereto. To honour Rulers, to promote peace, to praye for the Commonaltie, and to applie all our studies to profite them. The nert are to be obedient to Father and Mother, to prouide for housholde, bothe norishing our Family with bodely sustenaunce, and also to instruct them with the worde of God, and so to be theyr gouernour carnall and spirituall. Then must wee loke howe we ought to behaue our selues towardes our neyghbours, knowledging that all the giftes which are giuen vs of God, are not giuen vs for our owne selfe, but for the edifying

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of the congregation. 1. Cor. 12. And if we bestow them not on that maner, we shall surely giue a reckoning for them before the Lorde. Among these, ought we to haue respect vnto the Preachers and Ministers of the worde, that they maye be had in honour and well prouided for. And aboue all thinges good brethren, addresse your selues vnto that necessarie worke, Prayer. Remember to praye for all Estates, for that is a worke that Christe and his Apostles full dilligently exhorted all men vnto, promising them that they should obtaine theyr petitions. Iohn. 16. 1. Iohn. 4. If they be according to the will of God, and for his glory.

Whersoeuer is true faith, there is also repentance with it, there is hate of sinne, there is true feare, and againe, there is comfortablenesse of heart kindled by the holy ghost, a desire to further Gods glory among men: The dueties of Charity (or to comprehend all in one word) true holinesse, which the flesh fighteth against. This holinesse is not made perfect at an instannt, but groweth all the time of a mans lyfe.

Labour for a liuelie sight and sense of hea-

heauenly thinges, and so shall no sight or sence of earthly thinges trouble your affections, further then you shall be able enough, with ease and pleasure to relinquishe and forsake them, whensoeuer Gods glorie shall requyre. Now this sight and sense of heauenlie thinges, is not otherwise then by fayth (or rather maketh an ende.) Therefore in all matters of Religion, and concerning saluation, leaue reason with Abraham as he did, and leaue your corporall sences with his seruauntes in the valley to be occupied in Ciuill thinges: If that you wyll clime vp with Isaack into the hyll of heauen, whether God our Father bring vs, for his mercie sake. Amen.

¶A Prayer.

ETernall God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christe, I giue to thee most hartie thankes, for that of thyne aboundaunt mercie thou hast begotten me againe into a liuelie hope, by the resurrection of 1. Pet. 1.

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Iesus Christe from death, to an inheritance immortall and vndefiled, and that perisheth not, reserued in heauen for me, whome thou hast taken to be thy Childe of adoption by Iesus Christ: kéepe me I beseeche thée by thy power, through faith vnto saluation: which saluatiõ, is prepared already to be shewed in the last time. Wherein cause me O Lorde, to reioyce, though nowe for a season I am in heauinesse through manifolde temptations, that the tryall of my fayth béeing much more precious then the tryall of Golde that perisheth (and yet is tryed with fire) may be found to be laude, glory, and honour, at the appearing of Iesus Christe, whome though I haue not séene: worke by thy holy spirite I pray thée, that notwithstanding I maye loue constantlie, in whome euen nowe, though I sée him not, yet settle my beléefe, that I may reioyce with ioye vnspeakeable and glorious, patiently abiding to receaue the end of my fayth: to wit, the saluation of my soule. Gyrde vp also, Lorde, the loynes of my minde, that I being sober and watchfull, maye trust perfectly on the grace, that is brought vnto me now. When Ie-

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sus Christe is manifestlie preached vnto mée: that I do not (as becommeth a disobedient childe) fashion my selfe to obeye the lustes of the flesh, wherewith I was carried heretofore through ignorance of Christe, but that hauing my conuersation in the feare of GOD, I bestowe the remnaunt of myne abode heere in newnesse of lyfe: especiallie, for that I knowe, that I was not redéemed with corruptible thinges, as syluer and golde, from my vaine conuersation: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lambe vndefiled and without spot. And euen as thou haddest ordeined thy Christ to bee my Sauior before this world was made, but diddest make him knowen manifestly in these latter tymes for our sakes, which through faith beléeue in thée, O most mercifull Father. Euen so I beséech thée worke in me by the selfe same thy sonne, that I maye purifie my soule by the holie Ghost in obeying the trueth, that with brotherly loue, voyde of all fayning in a pure heart, I may loue my neighbour feruentlie. And that I béeing borne a newe, not of a mortall séede, but of immortal by the word of God, which liueth

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and lasteth for euer, may offer vp spiritual sacrifices, through the holy ghost, and acceptable to thee my onely God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ An other Prayer.

ETernall God which hast highly exalted thy Sonne Jesus Christ, and hast giuen him a name, which is aboue euery name, that in the name of Jesus euery knee should bowe, of thinges in heauen and thinges in earth, & things vnder the earth: I bowe my knees vnto thee O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all the Familie in Heauen & earth is named: that thou wouldest graũt me, according to ỹ ritches of thy glory, to be strẽgthened with might by the spirit in the inner man: that Christe may dwell in my harte by faith: that I maye be rooted and grounded in loue: that I may be able to comprehend with al Saints, what is the bredth, length, depth & height, of ỹ knowledge of Christes loue towards vs, which excelleth all knowledge: and that I may be fylled with all fulnesse of God: vnto thee that art able to do exceeding abound-

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dantly aboue all ỳ I aske or think, according to ỳ power ỳ worketh in me, be glory in ỳ Church by Christ Iesus throughout all ages, world without ende. Amen.

¶O God, most mercifull father, which in time paste at sundrie tymes, and in diuers manners spakest vnto the Fathers in the Prophetes, and hast in these dayes spoken vnto vs in thy sonne, whom thou hast appoynted heyre of all thinges, by whom also thou madest the worlds, who beeing the brightnesse of thy glorie, & the very Image of thy substaunce, vpholding all thinges with the worde of his power, hauing by him selfe purged our sinnes, sate on the right hand of the Maiestie on high: to whome thou sayedst, thou art my Sonne, this daye haue I begotten thee: This daye begette me againe, I beseeche thee, instructing mee from aboue by that same grace, which appeared healthfull to all men, ỳ I denying vngodlines & filthy lustes, may liue soberly, godly, & iustly in this present world, loking for that blessed hope & appearaunce of the glory of the great God, & our Sauiour Iesus Christ, who liueth & reigneth with thee in ỳ vnity of the holy ghost for euer & euer. Amē.

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O Lord my heauenly Father, almighty and euerlasting God, which hast safely brought mee to the beginning of this daye, defend mee in the same with thy mighty power, and graunt that this day I fall into no sinne, neither run into any kinde of daunger, but that all my doings maye be ordered by thy gouernaunce, to do alwayes that is righteous in thy sight through Iesus Christe our Lord. Amen. Into thy handes, O Lord, I commende Elizabeth our Quéene, all her faythfull Councellors, namely. N.N. my selfe wholie, my Wife, Children, and whole Family, and thy vniuersal Church: for thou hast redéemed vs, O Lord our God.

phe.1. O God of our Lord Iesus Christe, the Father of glorie, giue me the spirite of wisedome & reuelation by the knowledge of thée: and lighten the eyes of my minde, ỹ I may know the hope wherevnto thou hast called mée: howe ritche the glory of thine enheritaunce is in thy Saints: and what is the exceéding greatnesse of thy power to vs warde, which beléeue according to the mightie power, which thou wroughtest in Christ, when thou raisedst him from the dead: and diddest set him on

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thy right hande in heauenlyneſſe. Quic- *Ephe.3.*
ken me alſo being deade by ſinne, & raiſe me vp with him: & cauſe me to ſit in heauenlyneſſe with Chriſt Jeſus, by whome moſt bountifull father, all honour and praiſe be to thee, and the holy ghoſt nowe and euer. Amen.

¶ Almightie God and moſte mercifull Father: ſeeing we haue lybertie to enter into holy places in the blood of Jeſus by the newe and liuing waye which he hath prepared for vs, through the vayle: that is to say his fleſh: worke I beſeech thee by thy holy ſpirite, that I drawe nigh vnto a true harte, in aſſuraunce of faith: that I being ſprinkled in my harte from an euyll conſcience, and waſhed in body with a pure water, maye holde the profeſſion of the Hope without wauering, (for he is faythfull that promiſed:) and that I may conſider my brethren, prouoking them vnto lowe and good workes, not forſaking the aſſembling of our ſelues together, but exhorting one another, and ſo much the more, for that I ſee the daye approching: ſuffer me not therefore to caſte away my confidence, which hath great recompence of rewarde: For I

haue great nede of patience, that after I haue done the wyll of God, I maye receaue the promise. Wherfore all thinges layde away that presse me downe, (especially sinne, that hangeth so fast vppon me:) cause me, O God, to runne with patience in the race that is set before mée, loking vnto Iesus the beginner and fynisher of my fayth: Which for the ioy that was set before him, endured the Crosse, despised the shame, and set him selfe downe on the ryght hande of the throne of God, where he maketh intercession for me: to whome, with thée O father, and the holy Ghost be prayse nowe and euer. Amen.

A Prayer.

O Lord God and heauenly Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaack, the God of Iacob, which dyddest promise vnto Abraham, that thou wouldest be the God of his séede for euer. Which hast promised also to subdue Moab and Esau: that is to saye, all Heathen Miscreauntes, and Idolatrous Papists, to thy chosen Israell, and to gather vnder one shepheard, thy seruaunt

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Dauid Christe our Sauiour, all thy scattred shéepe, bothe of the Iewes and Gentiles. That there might be one shepheard and one folde. Mercifully beholde thy flocke amongst them, bothe dispersed and scattered: erring, wandring, and going astraye with peruerse mindes and erronious opinions, farre from thy folde, not knowing as yet, nor regarding the voice of thy Sonne the onely good Shepheard, which dyd giue his soule for his shéepe.

And drawe them we beséech thée home agayne to the folde of thy Sonne Iesus Christe, without whome there is no saluation, no comfort, no health, no hope, no stay of conscience, but myserable wandering from error to error, & in the end vtter desperation: haue mercie therfore of thy miserable stray shéepe, for theyr shepheards sake, & for the glory of thine owne name, for the amplifying & enlarging the kingdome of thy sonne Christ, who is declared already in the flesh by his manifest miracles, iustified in spirit, séene of ỹ Angels, preached amõg the people, beléeued vpon in the world, & receyued in glory, & shortly shal come in ỹ same glory to make his enimies his fotestoole. So be it.

A thanksgiuing when a Woman is delyuered.

O Eternall and almighty God: thy power and might is to be prayſed & magnified for euer. For in the greateſt weaknes of man, thy power is ſeene: in his greateſt daungers, thy ſaluation is knowne: therfore we praiſe thy name, & giue thée thankes for all thy great mercies & wonderfull workes. Namely, Lord we giue thée thankes for thy mercie ſhewed to our ſiſter at this time, in bringing her through many and great daungers of Childbyrth, & in giuing her the fruite of her body. It was thy hand, O Lord, that hath done it, for it is a worke, greater thē all the wiſedome & power of man. Déere Father, we beſéech thée euer hereafter, to delyuer the Mother and the Childe out of all theyr daungers, as may beſt make for thy glory, and theyr ſaluation, in Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Touching vs, we thank thée, for bleſſing our worke, beſéeching thée, that we beholding thy out ſtretched arme, & ritch mercies, may be drawne by them, to ſerue thée in feare and reuerēce, all the dayes of our life. Amen.

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A Prayer to be confyrmed in the true knowledge of Gods word, for the reading, hearing, and studying of the same.

O Most mightie and eternall God, although thy goodnesse, mercie, and trueth to mankinde, in all thy workes dooth aboundauntlie appeare: yet herein cheeflie thou declarest thy selfe to be most fauourable, mercifull, and gratious, that not suffering vs to walke in darknesse, ignorraunce, and blindnesse, thou hast giuen vs thy most holy & blessed worde, to be a lanterne vnto our feete, to lyghtē our steps in the path way to euerlasting lyfe, least we should walke in the shadowe of death, in which thy most blessed and sacred word, thou hast fully & perfectly set forth vnto mākinde, so much of thy glorious Maiestie, as was expedient for vs to know, & not only that, but hast therin also fully, wholly and perfectly expressed thy most holy & blessed wil, whatsoeuer is necessarie for the Saluation of mankinde to be knowne, to bring him to lyfe euerlasting. Giue me grace most mercifull Father, that for so hye a trea-

ſure left among vs, I may be thankfull, reuerentlie embrace, accept and eſtéeme of the ſame, as the moſt precious Iewell in earth, be therin cõfyrmed moſt ſtronglye, that all thinges therein contained to be moſt certaine and vndoubtedlie true, not by any mortall man, but by thy moſt holy Spyrite in man, penned and writken to the comforte and behoue of man: that I may moſt humblie, lowlie, and with moſt hie reuerence, ſubmit my ſelfe therevnto, as becommeth thy eternall Maieſtie, and the worde proceéding out of thy moſt bleſſed mouth: that I maye reuerentlie with humbleneſſe and obedience, reade, heare, and occupy my ſelfe in the ſame, to the comfort of my ſoule, and encreaſe of thy glorie. Lyghten my vnderſtanding, moſt déere Father with thy holy ſpirite, that I may learne, clearelie conceyue, and vnderſtand the thinges therein conteyned, which no mortal man can conceyue, ſaue thoſe who haue learned of thée, and whome thou by thy holie Spirite deoſt lyghten and inſtruct: guide mée déere Father with thy holy Spirite, that hauing the true vnderſtãding of the Miſteries therein contayned, I maye be

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fully established, and confirmed in the true knowledge of thée my déere Father, and of thy beloued sonne Christ Jesu: my Lord and Sauiour, throughly in conscience perswaded ý I haue my full and perfect saluation and life euerlasting in him, and through his attonement made thorough his death & passion: that I do not vainely abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred worde, to satisfie vaine curiositie or braggе of knowledge, but onely to the releéning of my hungrie & wounded conscience, to the lowsing of my fettered soule, and the appeasing of my sorrowful heart, that I may to the ende of my lyfe walke in sinceritie before thée, my heauenly father, in the comforts of thy déere sonne my Sauiour, vpholden styll by the mercifull power of the holy Ghost, to thine euerlasting praise and glory world without end. Amen.

An other before the reading, hearing or studying of Gods worde.

ALmighty & most merciful Father, which hast in thy blessed word reuealed thy most holy will,

wyll, whatsoeuer was expedient for vs to know cõcerning thy Maiestie and our saluation, giue me grace good Lord, that I may haue a hartie desire, and a willing minde, dillygentlie, and with my whole endeuour to reade, heare, and study thy holy Scriptures with humble obedience, submitting my iudgement to thy holy & infinite wisdome therein contayned, and that I maye fruitfully trauaile therein: graunt me heauenly Father thy holy spirite, to lyghten mine vnderstanding, and to touch my heart, that I may throughly vnderstand the mysteries therein conteined to the comfort of my soule, so that my whole lyfe & conuersatiõ may be thereafter dyrected, to the honor and glory of thy name, and the peace of my conscience, through Christe our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer to be confirmed in the knowledge of God.

O Moste mightie, and eternall God, thou by the creation of the world, the Sunne, the Mone, and Starres, the Earth, the Sea, and all that therein

therein is, hast sufficiently declared thy selfe to be the euerlasting and almightie God, for that these things do far passe the reache of mans wisdome. And not herein onely hast thou declared thy selfe to bee God: but in that also that thou dost continually guide, and gouerne all things of thee created: It is thou therfore that thũderest from Heauẽ, that with lightnings and tempests, and of waters and winds, shewest thy terrible vengeance vpon sinfull flesh: It is thou O God, which letteste vs feele sensiblie in our selues, thy mightie power and working, not onelie in that, that thou hast made our bodyes and soules: but especiallie, that thou makest vs euen of force to confesse thy eternall spirite in vs, who so mightilie fyghteth against the assaultes of the enemie, that of force wee are driuen to acknowledge that it is thy working in vs, and not wee our selues. Seeing therfore, O most mercifull Father, that wee haue bothe in thy creatures, and also in our selues so manifest testimonies, that thou onely arte the eternall and euer lyuing GOD, which raignest in all thy Creatures, guiding them by thy heauenlie

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prouidence: graunt we beseeche thee, that our hearts may be hereof fullie assured, to acknowledge thee not onely to be God eternall, who hast created all things: but also that we maye in heart be fullie perswaded, that thou O Lord God, doost gouerne all things according to thy most blessed wyll, so that nothing can be done in the worlde without thine appoyntment, and that thou hast such a singuler care ouer thine elected people, so that not so much as an hayre of theyr head shall fall without thy prouidence, that thou so guidest all theyr doings, that all thinges shall turne to theyr commoditie and thy glorie. Graunt O Lord God that hereof we maye be fullie assured in our hearts and soules, that we maye in all our doinges set thee before our eyes, acknowledging thee to be our onelie Lorde and Father, and by the working of thy holie spyrit in vs, maye be confirmed in faith, comforted in soule, and lyghtned in vnderstanding, that alwayes here vppon earth, we may glorifie thy holy name, & after the dissolution of this body, we may attain to the euerlasting ioy through our Lord and Sauiour Christ Jesu. Amen.

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A Prayer for patience in trybulation, and that God may be glorified thereby.

O Eternall and moste mercyfull Father, who hast from tyme to time, in all ages exercised euen thy moſt déere childzen with gréeuous afflictions, and ſharpe cozrections, to dzawe their mindes from the too much lowe of wozldlie pleaſures, to be delyghted in heauenly ioyes, and ſpirituall comfoztes of the ſoule: graunt I beſéech thée, that I, euen from my heart, may acknowledge this afflictiõ which doth now gréeuouſly pearce my ſoule, to be thy fatherly cozrection, and ſcourge of thy méere mercie, and lowe layde vpon me, to put me in minde of my dueti̇e towardes thée, leaſt elſe, with too much quietneſſe, I ſhould haue bene dzawne thzough the flattering pleaſures of this vaine wozlde, from the remembzaunce and delyght of my ſpirituall ioy in heauenly things, to haue had my ſinfull delyght in this vaine wozld, and ſo ſhould haue runne headlong to euerlaſting dampnation with the wicked wozld:

worlde: but that thou O Father, hast called me backe by this thy fatherly rod, whereby thou mindest to let me see, that of my selfe I haue no strength vnto goodnesse: but that it was thou, who by thy aboundaunt mercie, haddest before time replenished my hart with ioye, that I toke great pleasure and comfort in reading and hearing thy holy worde, and receauing other thy benefits: which spirituall comfort and quietnesse of minde, because I did not fully acknowledge to be thy good gifte in me, thou haste nowe taken from me, for a time: that I maye effectuallie perceaue and learne (by the lack of it) that it was thy worke in me, and when thou restorest the same to me againe, I may more aboundauntlye glorifie thee in thy manifolde mercies. But while it shall be thy good will and pleasure, O Lorde, to exercise me with this thy louing correction: giue me grace that I maye patientlye abide, whatsoeuer it shall please thee to laye vpon me for my amendement, strengthē me O Lord, that I doo not faint vnder the burthen of affliction: but being vpholden by the strength of thy holy spirit in me, I may

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neuer cease calling vpon thy name, with full assurance that thou wylt at thy tyme appoynted send mée full assuraunce, to my singuler comforte, and thy eternall glorie. And when it shall please thée O Lord, fully to delyuer mee, I beséech thée so worke in my heart, that I maye acknowledge the same to come from thée, to be thy onely worke, that I maye be thankfull for thy so great mercies all the dayes of my lyfe, that I neuer forget thy louing and fatherly dealinges towardes mee, but so to the ende of my lyfe I maye lyue in thy feare and loone: that thy holie name in my lyfe may be glorified, and after death, I may be receaued to that full ioye, which thou hast prepared for thine elect chyldren, through our onely Lord and Sauiour Iesu Christe. Amen.

¶ A Prayer, to feele in heart spirituall comfortes and Faith.

O Lorde God, and most mercifull Father, now I fully perceaue and know, that the heart of man is not in his owne hande, for thou hast taught me

me, by deminiſhing thy ſpirite of comfort in my heart, ý it is thou only which makeſt ioyfull the heart of man, and which demyniſheſt the ſame ioye according to thy good pleaſure and wyll, for if it had bene in mine owne power to haue receyued comfort in thy word, or to haue beléeued thy promiſes from my hart: I would long ſince haue enioyed cõfort, and bene confirmed in faith: but I cã not O Lord, it is thy méere worke. I loke therfore, O déere Father, for thy bleſſed comforte and ſtrength of Faith, which I beſéeche thée O merciſull Father, ſende into my heart to fill the ſame with ſpirituall ioy, that by the working of thy holy ſpirite in me, the comfortable promiſes of thy merciſull protection maye be ſealed in my heart, and ſinke déepe into my ſoule, that I may be fully aſſured that thou arte my ſtrong rocke and houſe of defence, that thou dooſt kéepe me as the apple of thine eye, as thou haſt promiſed in thy bleſſed worde, that thou wilt not lay more vpon mée, then thou wilt giue mée ſtrength to abyde, & that thou wilt aſſuredly at thine appointed time renew my heart, and the whole powers of my minde, that I maye

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fullie glorifie thy holy name. But in the meane time, O Lorde, alas, my heart is cleane voyde of spirituall ioye, yea, euen as harde as a stone, so that the louing promises of thy holie worde, although I knowe them to be true, yet they can not sinke into my harde and stony heart, vntyll such tyme as thou by encreasing of thy holy Spirite in mée, shalt molifie and make tender my hards heart, that it may be méete to receaue the swéete comfort of thy spirite. Thy holy spirite, O Lord, in mée, which is the assurance of my saluation, doth continuallie send foorth vnspeakeable sighes and longinges, for thy full and ioyfull presence. I beseeche thée therefore, déere Father, for thy Sonne Christ Iesus sake, hearkē vnto my prayers, and graunt my requestes, make tender my harde, and stony hart, by thy holie spirite, that I may from the bottome of my hart, acknowledge thée to be my most merciful God and Father, and all things in thy holie worde contayned, to be most certayne and true, reuerentlie embrace the same, and into my soule take comfort and ioye of the same: that I may, déere Father, euen vnto my liues ende walke

before thy face in sincerittie of heart, bée-ing assured of my saluation through that one alone sufficient sacrifice for my sins, made by thy déere Sonne Christe Iesu, to whome with thée and the holie Ghost, be all honour and glorie, world without end. Amen.

¶A Prayer after benefites obtained, to acknowledge them onely to come of God.

O Lord GOD, I féele in my selfe howe mercifullie thou hast dealt with me, grieuoullie I was troubled, and nowe by thy goodnesse partlie released: howe daungerouslie I was assaulted, and nowe by thy mercie partly deliuered: this releéfe although I must nedes confesse by infallible argumentes to be thy onely worke in mée, yet such is the pride of my rebellious flesshe, that it wyll not suffise mée, to ascribe fully the same to proceéde of thée, and thine onelie goodnesse, but séeketh out other fayned causes, according to the vaine deuises of my minde: therefore I beséeche thée

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most gratious Father, that thou wylt so frame my heart, that I may with whole heart and minde, and with al the powers of my soule, acknowledge this my comforte and ayde to be thy onely worke, wrought in mée by thy holy Spirite, and that I may be thankfull for the same all the dayes of my lyfe. O Lord thou hast sworne by thy holynesse, that thou wylt not giue thine honour to any other: séeing then déere Father, that thou hast sent mee this strength, let mée be perswaded fully in heart, déere Father, that it commeth from thee, that to thée I may render due honour, prayse and thanksgiuing for the same, and the rest of my life, that I may be assured in heart of thy mercifull defence in mine extreame daungers, as thou hast many tymes wounderfully delyuered mée, that thou wylt according to thy promise so continew thy mercifull ayde, whereby thy name in mée may be glorified, my soule in mercie preserued, and thy whole Church edified, nowe and for euer. Amen.

A Prayer for constaunt perseuerauncе in prayer, when we are dull to prayer.

O Lord GOD most mercifull Father, according to thy cõmaundement in mine afflictions & necessities, I take to thée for succour by continuall prayer, & calling vpon thy name, I call vpon thee in the day time, and in the night season do I powre out prayers vnto thée, and yet for all that I fele mée nothing released, but often times worse & worse: which maketh me often times, deere Father, almost to doubt of thy goodnesse, that thou doost reiect my prayers, and giuest no heede vnto them, whereby I doo almost thinke, that it is no boote for mee to praye, seeing I fele no release: but, O Lord, this is my weaknesse in me and the frailty of my flesh, which wil not willinglie be subdued vnto the Spirite: which my frailtie, I beseech thée O Lord, forgiue mée. For thou dost O Lord God, see my conflictes, and lookest vpon my continuall sighes and peticions: but thou

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dooſt deferre and prolong thine helpe the longer, and dooſt not at the firſt helpe me to this ende, that I maye ſée fullie myne owne weakneſſe, learne by lyttle and lyttle, to ſubdue my rebellious wyll, to thy good wyll, who knoweth better what is meete for mee then I my ſelfe. Therefore, O moſt deere Father, ſtrengthen mée by thy holy ſpirite, that I maye ſtyll perſeuere and continew in prayer, and with longing deſires patiently wait for thee O Lorde, beeing aſſured that although it appeare not, yet thou art alwayes preſent with mée, and beareſt my ſighes and complaintes, and wylt when thou ſeeſt thy time declare thy ſelfe manifeſtly in renewing my heart with ſpirituall ioye. Stirre vp, O Lorde, my dull and ſluggiſh nature, to call vpon thée continually, appointing thée neyther time nor the meanes of my delyueraunce, but leaning all to thy good will and pleaſure, I may in the meane tyme neuer ceaſe by continuall prayer, to call for thy merciful helpe, vntill ſuch time as it ſhall pleaſe thy goodneſſe to ſend me full deliuerance. I feele my ſelfe, O Lorde, often tymes verie vnwylling to praye, for that I doo

not fullye perceaue my prayers to bee heard, but do goe on styll languishing in my sorrowes, as though thou haddest no care of mee. But this my dulnesse I beseeche thee, O mercifull Father, pardon in mee, and graunt that I may be raysed vppe to praye for ayde and releefe of thee continuallie, although I should see no signe of fauour, yet that I may continue styll with the faithfull Woman of Canaan, and neuer cease in heart, minde, and mouth, tyll thou graunt my requestes at thine appoynted tyme, when thou knowest it shall be most for my behoue, and for thy glorie. And that when thou shalt mercifullie looke vppon mee, to deliuer mee, I may then fully with my whole heart, acknowledge thy goodnes towards mee, and let it neuer slippe out of my heart, but continew thankefull for the same all the dayes of my life, whereby thy glory in mee may be declared, and my soule released, through Christe my Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

¶ A thanksgiuing when one hath receaued some comfort, but not fully deliuered.

O Most louing and mercifull Father, nowe I feele thy swéete mercies and louing kindnesse sheiwed vpon mée poore wretch, whome thou hast out of grieuous assaultes delyuered from painefull sorrowe, to ioyfull comfortes restored. Nowe I knowe, O Lord, that my many and sundrie prayers, that I made to thee, in the anguishe and bytternesse of soule, were not voyde, although for a tyme thou séemedst to reiect them: nowe I knowe that although thou seemest to be angrie, yet thy fatherlie affection still remained surely fixed vpon thy children: so that nothing can remoue thy loue from thy deere children, but whom thou louest, thou louest vnto the ende. euen when thou doost scourge and correct them most sharplie: thou wouldest & beatest againe, thou throwest downe to hel, & raisest vp againe. For whereas my heart was so dull, that no Spirituall comfort could enter therein, now I feele O Lord God, that thou hast begunne so to frame

it a newe, that I beginne to make more comfort and ioye in thee, and thy holie word: now I feele my heart partly lightened by thy only worke from that great dulnesse wherwith thou haddest smitten mee downe, for the which thy mercifull worke in me, I thanke thee O Lord God, beseeching thee most deare Father, for thy Sonne Christe Iesus sake, as thou hast begunne to settle my heart in quietnesse, & partly wrought in the same some comfort and ioye; so thou wilt in mercie encrease the same in mee more and more, that I maye from day to day, acknowledge thy benefites towardes me, and for the same yeelde due honour and prayse unto thy holy name: that I may through this thy worke in mee, be confirmed of thy goodnesse towardes me, that as thou hast begunne in me a good worke, so thou wilt fulfill the same, untyll the comming of our Sauiour Iesus Christe, and when he shall fullie delyuer his Children, and bring them to that full and perfect ioy, for euer to raigne with thee, world without ende. Amen.

A thanksgiuing after deliuerance from affliction.

Thy mercie, O Lord my GOD, endureth for euer, and thy louing kindnesse towardes thy Children, is not able to be vttered, the trueth of thy promises neuer faileth thine elect. O how wonderfull is thy working deare Father amongste thy Children: the sorrowes of death take hold vpon me, and the snares of hell, almost entangled mee: the daungerous waues of distrust had euen ouerwhelmed my Soule: I was as one entangled in a nette, and fast caught, not knowing how to be loosed. Thou hadest, O Lord God, so terrified my soule and minde, that I became vtterly astonied, and in extreame feare, throwne downe prostrate to the ground: my heart fayled within mee, and all the powers of my minde were discomfited: the cogitation of my minde dyd so fight within me, that I was wholy disquieted in soule and conscience: I could not cõsider, O Lord God, of thee my Sauiour right, nor take holde of thy mercifull and louing promises, I

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could not be perſwaded of thée my déere Father and GOD, nor of thy fatherly loue towards thy Children, ſcarce could I finde within my ſelfe any lyttle ſparke of Faith, to confirme mée in the knowledge of thy good wyll towardes mee, reuealed in thy bleſſed worde. For thou good Lorde hadſt for a tyme withdrawne from mée thine hande, wherewith thou haddeſt before tyme ſtayed and vpholden mée from falling, that I myght more clearelie ſée mine owne weakneſſe, and more effectuallie conſider thy power towardes mée. In this diſtreſſe good Lord, and anguiſhe of minde, I cryed vnto thée my good Lorde and God, daye and night with continuall complaintes and ſighes, tyll at length thou in mercie haddeſt reſpect vnto me, and conſidereſt my requeſt, and ſent mee ſome relæfe, whereas I might take a taſte of thy merrifull dealing with thy Children, and thereby be ſtrengthened more and more, and confirmed of thy good wyll towardes mée. And nowe deare Father, Pleaſe thy louing mercies towardes mée aboundantlie, who haſt delyuered mée from my daungerous feare, and let my troubled

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minde at quiernesse, thou hast made caulme the troubled waues of wauering thoughtes, whiche ouerwhelmed my soule, and hast brought mée to the quiet hauen of thy mercifull protection and defence, and hast deliuered my eyes from teares, and my feete from falling, and my heart from distrust. O Lord God, my most loouing and mercifull Father, let this thy grace, mercie, and loouing kindnesse shewed vppon mée, neuer depart out of my heart, but that I maye be thereof continuallie mindfull all the dayes of my lyfe. And for these thyne vnspeakeable mercies towardes mee: graunt mee good Lorde, that I maye haue a thankefull heart to render due honour, prayse, and thanksgiuing vnto thy Maiestie, acknowledging from the bottome of my heart, thy wonderfull woorkes in mee: and that hauing felt so effectuallie thy present helpe in my necessitie, I maye be more strengthened to put my full trust and confidence in thee, in my more grieuous and daungerous assaultes, although I sée no way of delyueraunce, looking still for the lyke helpe

helpe which I haue before tyme tryed of thy goodnesse: knowing that thou hast taken me into thy protection and képing. And that I may héereof be more assured, I beséeche thée good Lorde, that as thou hast begun to delyuer me, so let me féele more, and daylie thy good will and tender mercie towardes me. Encrease in me true vnderstanding of thy heauenly will in thy blessed woorde. Strengthen my faith in thy louing promises, that I may be assured of thy protection, and mine election and saluation. Make me daylie more and more to loue my deare Father and God vnfaynedly, for all the goodnesse shewed vnto me, to haue my full delight and ioye in thée; to walke before thée in sinceritie of lyfe and godly conuersation, that I maye héere in earth glorifie thy holy name, and after this lyfe with thy faithfull flocke, possesse that euerlasting enheritaunce, which thy Sonne hath purchased, Christe Iesu our Lorde, to whome with thée and the holy Ghoste, be all honour and glorie, nowe and for euer.

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A thankſgiuing for the woorde of God embraced, and a Prayer for encreaſe and continuaunce in the ſame.

O Eternall GOD, and moſt mercifull Father, I yéelde vnto thée moſt heartie thankes, for all thy benefites beſtowed vpon mée, eſpecially for that it hath pleaſed thy heauenly godneſſe to ſhine into my heart, through the lyght of thine holy ſpirite, in the Miſteries of thy holie woorde, and that then haſt framed my heart and minde to take ſuch vnſpeakeable ioye, and comfort in thy moſt bleſſed and holie woorde, and in the embracing of my ſaluation therein offered vnto me. For this thine vnſpeakable mercies I beſéech thée O Lord make mée thankfull, that I maye acknowledge the great benefite thereof, and eſtéeme of ſo ineſtimable a treaſure, aboue all earthlie poſſeſſions or treaſures. And O Lord my God, for ſo much as I wander in this preſent lyfe, among many and infinite

daungers, whereby I am euery moment in peryll of slyding backe, and falling from this feruent zeale of thy euerlasting trueth, which thou hast kindeled in my breast: if otherwise thou do not staye mee by thy mercifull hande: and for so much as I learne out of thy moste blessed and holie woorde, that it is not sufficient to haue begunne well, vnlesse I continew to the ende, not sufficient to holde my hande to the plowe, and looke backe: I craue at thy hand in the name of thy beloued Sonne, my Lorde and Sauiour Christe, that this thy worke with which thou hast begunne in mee, thou wylt in mercie encrease in mee more and more, and continew it euen vnto the ende of my lyfe: that I do not ware colde, secure, dull, or faynt, but continually encreasing in true zeale, I maye styll more and more be delyghted with reading, hearing and meditating of thy holy woorde: I may thereby also dayly encrease in true knowledge of thy blessed wyll, from fayth to fayth, that I may euen from the bottome of my heart, so sincerely professe thy true Religion, that all hypocrisie, vaine glorie,

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and fayned holinesse, vtterly through thy holie Spirite rooted out of my heart, I may onely holde my selfe contented, that I may haue the eyes of thy Maiestie beholding my inwarde heart and minde, whereby I onely studying to be allowed before thy Maiestie, maye vtterlie reiect all the vaine prayse of men, which might puffe vp, or the scoffing Jestes, Tauntes, or reproches of the vngodlie, which might else driue mee downe.

To this ende, O Lorde my GOD, that I maye encrease, and daylie more and more bee confyrmed in thy mercies begunne in mee: I beseeche thee styre vppe true and sincere Preachers, and Messengers, who daylie may styre vp my minde and heart, otherwise of nature dull, to the ioyfull embracing of the glad tydinges of peace. Leaue me neuer destitute, O Lord my GOD, of the meanes which thou hast appoynted for the encrease to a liuely fayth, and true zeale, which meane is onely the Ministerie of thy blessed and holy word: but make mee alwayes carefull for the seeking of it: and so prouide, O Lorde my God, that I may alwayes haue it com-

comfortablie receaue it, and sweetely digest it. Keepe mée by thy holy Spirit, O Lord, that I neuer be seduced by erronious doctrine, but that only I may giue eare vnto thy voyce, that cleauing onely vnto thee: I maye in this present lyfe, which thou hast giuen mée, so occupy my selfe, and vse this good time which thou hast giuen mée, that I may stylll looke for the comming of thy déere Sonne, to receaue mée into the euerlasting rest, prepared for all the elect and chosen, where I shall for euer remaine together with my Lord and sauiour Iesu Christ, to whome with thee and the holy Ghoste, be all honour and glorie world without ende. Amen.

A Prayer for the feeling of the sinne of hypocrisie, that we may direct our lyfe according to the prescript rule of the woord.

O Lord God and heauenly Father, which arte a iuste Iudge to punish all them, that do continue to offende thee, as thou arte a Father most pitti-

pittifull to receaue to mercie all those, which giue ouer themselues to please thee: shewe me thy grace and fauour, so that I maye be truely touched with inward displeasure of my sinnes, and that in the place of flattering my selfe, to sleepe in sinne: I maye be so caste downe in heart, that the rather I may truely with mouth confesse, most humbly to giue thee, the honour, glorie, and prayse, due vnto thy holy name, & that as thou of thy great mercy dost instruct therevnto by thy holy word (so for thy names sake) make that the same may so lyghten & cleare our conscience, that in due examination of our lyfe, wee maye truelie learne to be angrie and displeased, with all our former and corrupt lyuing. O that it may please thee to drawe neere vnto vs, in addressing and guiding our footsteppes, in the true and perfect way of obedience, to thy holy lawes and cõmaundementes. Send thy holy Angell to pitch his tents roũd about vs, that Sathan, and his infernall armie neuer prevayle against vs, but that alwaies with strõg faith, we may

through Jesus Christe withstande all his craftie engine & snares, knowing vndoubtedly that thou neuer forsakest thē that put their trust in thée. O let vs not be lead by the infirmitie of our outwarde fleshe, but strengthen vs by the vertue of thy holy spirit. Suffer vs not to lye vnder thy heauy wrath, & vengeaunce through hypocrisie, but rather touch vs so inwardly, ẏ we may without ceasing sigh and grone vnto thée, by true & vnfayned repentaunce. And although we be not alwayes so well disposed to aske & pray, as we ought to do: yet (good Lord for thy glorious names sake) stretch out thy mighty hand, that by the gratious woorking of thy holie spirite, our mindes and hearts may be drawne from all earthlie and corruptible thinges, so that our prayers may procéede of an inwarde, earnest, vehement affection; so that we neuer presume to come before thée with a double heart, knowing that whosoeuer asketh and prayeth for any thing of thée (not asking in fayth) can not obtayne. Increase therefore, swéete Lorde our

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fayth, that we presently may liuelie fæle the benefite of remission & pardon of all our sinnes, through the merites and death of Christ Jesus our saviour: and so worke in vs, for euer hereafter to liue in thy feare, and to stand in awe of thy displeasure, that thou mayest continew our mercifull Father, world without ende. Amen.

Oh shæpheard of shæpe, sæke out me thy wãdering shæpe. And bæing foũd, lay mee vpon thy blessed shoulders, and bring mee home to the verie foulde of thy flock, heale my sicke soule, fæde my hungerie Soule, yea, almost dying through hunger, watch ouer the same (Oh swæte Lorde) least the rauening wolfe do inuade my soule, and so slay it to vtter destruction. Wherefore (O most deare God) be mercifull to mee a most wretched sinner, and graũt pardon to him that repenteth, giue not forth the voyce of thy sentence according to my demerites, but lyke as thy mercie before hath done in the begynning of my lyfe, so let it conclude the ende thereof, to remaine with thee

worlde without end. Amen dēre God, Amen.

For as much as in this life, holy scripture doth promise, troubles, penuries, oppressions, encrease of grēefe, & aboūdaunce of temptations, vouchsafe, O moste mighty God, to prepare my heart to all possible patience, leaste I do faint in the foote pathe: compell (my swēte Lorde) this rebellious flesshe of mine, to be subiect to thy holy spirite, beyond all expectation, so that I maye possesse my Soule in patience, and kēepe the same in thy euerlasting seruice, to the which purpose thou hast created the same. Wherfore, O Lord, shew thy almightie power vnto mee moste wretched sinner, that so long as I srght in this wretched life, I may obtaine victorie against my enimies (thou bēing my defence) for that there is none other that fighteth for me, but onlie thou Oh God. Now I say, represse the violēce of my enimies, and vouchsafe with great effcae to bring into bondage my miserable flesshe, that formēteth my soule. So that I obtayning

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victory, may prayse thee my only delyuerer in perpetuall eternitie. Amen.

A Prayer to be sayd in trouble.

O Most gentle redeemer, which art alwayes mercifull, alwayes a Sauiour, whether thou sēdest vs prosperity or aduersity: this is a token of great mercie and louing kindnesse, while by externall afflictions, as by bitter plaistuers or salues, thou dost heale the inwrde man, & by temporall paines, prepare vs to euerlasting ioies. Forasmuch therfore as thou hast euen by thine owne Steppes, declared that that is the waye vnto true felicitie: graunt I most humblie beseeche thee, that I may patientlie and obedientlie drinke out this cuppe most wyllinglie, which thou hast so mercifully reached vnto mee. Verely, these thinges are vnto frayle Nature, verie greeuous, but yet hast thou suffered more greeuous thinges for mee, and I haue deserued farre more greeuous thinges, which haue so often deserued hel. Not-

withstãding, thou knowest the frailtie of Mans condition, and therefore euen as that mercifull Samaritan, thou powrest into my woundes, wine, that is to say, affliction and troubles, which fretteth, & sharply byteth out abhominable vices: but in the meane time thou putteſt to it also ỹ precious Oyle, that is, of Grace, into this our woũded & troubled heart, through the which Grace, if thou doo giue according to my want: then shall I with great quietnesse sufker these intollerable grefes. But if it be thy pleasure to encrease my grefe, giue me then I most instantly beseech thee, the gift of patience, & graunt that these afflictions (which thou hast of fatherlie loue sent vnto me) may by thy grace turne to the assurannce, that I am thy Childe. Or if thy fatherlie pittie be contented with this gentle chastisement, wherewith thou doost nowe nurture mee (from lying stincking in my corruptions) then let mee (by thy free grace and mercie) receaue at thy mercifull hande, ease and quietnesse againe, that I maye by thy

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grace giue thée thankes for bothe: that is, because thou hast most louinglie in mercie chastned me, thine vnprofitable seruaunt, & also take away the bytternesse of my affliction, with ỹ swætnesse of thy comfort, which is thy frée grace, ỹ Dyle of all cõsolatiõ, which I beseech thée powre into my heart, that I maye sensiblie fæle the aboundant ritches of thy gœdnes powred vpon me vndeserued, & most vnwœrthy wretch, that I may be the more strengthened thereby and in the greatest conflicts may hope against hope, that whatsoeuer my outward senses doo imagine, yet ỹ inward fæling of thy mercie may superabound to the encrease of my more then weake faith, but speciallie for thy honour and glories sake: so that finallie I may say with Saint Paule, that neyther death nor lyfe, nor anguish, nor persecution, nor thinges præsent, nor to come, may remœue mee from thy loone in Jesus Christe: In whose name I pray, as he hath taught. Our father which art in heauen, &c.

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A forme of Prayer, daylie to be vsed of all faithfull Christians, in their houses, or else where.

ALmighty GOD and most mercifull Father, through Iesus Christe our Lord, in whome and by whome wee trust that thou art our God & Father, wée most humblie héere prostrate our selues before ỳ throne of thy Maiestie, beséeching thée first good Father & God, to pardon and forgiue vs al our sinnes which we confesse and acknowledge against our selues, beséeching thy gratious Spirite to worke in vs the knowledge of them dayly more & more: that thereby we maye come to true repentaunce for them and together therewith: vnto the knowledge of ỳ height, breadth, depth, & fulnesse, in all sorts of thy grace and mercie, wherby through Iesus Christ thou hast forgotten them and remooued them as farre from vs, as the East is from the West. And although we knowe by them, too well alas, good Lord, that we haue (as much as

as in vs lay and lyeth) laboured to prouoke thine anger against vs, heaping sinne vpon sinne, & multiplying offences and transgressions against thy high grace and Maiestie, breaking thy holy woorde and commaundementes, yet thou, O Lord, hast not bene as a man, nor thy affections, as the affections of the sonnes of men, but hast continued gratious and mercifull, and bountifull vnto vs, in pardoning our sinnes and daylie renewing in vs with the morning, thy graces diuers and manifold. Therefore we beseech thée most mercifull Father, to giue vs thy holy spirite, that we prouoke thee no more, that thou ryse not against vs, to destroy vs as we haue deserued: for we haue bene and are drye as stubble, and yet thou hast not dispersed and consumed vs: we haue bene vnfruitfull and thou hast not cut vs downe: yea Lord, we haue brought forth wylde & sower fruite, corrupt and detestable, and yet thou lettest thy raine to fall, and Sũne to shine vpon vs.

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ſorie as it becommeth thy children, for that wee haue diſobeyed thee ſo mercifull and louing a Father, and frame vs daylie, and faſhion vs to the lykeneſſe of thy well beloued Sonne Ieſus Chriſte our Lord: that in knowledge and true holineſſe, we may glorifie thee before the world, and by the fruites of godlyneſſe and righteouſneſſe, be aſſured and made certaine of thy ſpirit, and of the loue wherewith thou loueſt vs. Make vs thankfull, deare Father, for the infinite and vnſpeakable benefites of our Election to lyfe and euerlaſting glorie before all time, and for our creation and redemption, and ſanctificatiō, in tyme to bring thy glorious councell to paſſe.

Worke in vs certaine faith, and aſſured hope in thy promiſes, ỹ true feare of thy Maieſtie, a perfect hate and deteſtation of all diſordered and ſynfull affections. Worke in vs eternall loue of thy trueth and goſpell, ſincere affection and loue towards thy children, & amongſt our ſelues patience, knowledge, vertue, looue, compaſſion, with

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all graces of thy kingdome, that in all our behauiour, thou O God mayst be glorified by vs. Also we beseeche thee most mercifull Father, for the benefites of this lyfe. That as thou art not onely the God of our Spirites and Soules, but also of our bodies: so it would please thee, notwithstanding our sinnes, to graunt vs thy blessinges of health, peace and mayntenaunce, of which by the gratious prouidence, some of vs do feele thy want, and some of vs haue for long tyme enioyed and vsed the same, that together with them we may haue thy spirite to instruct vs as well in the wantes, as in the true and lawfull vse of them: that wee may more earnestlie & seriouslie study and labour in these vocations wherein thou hast set vs, through thy great mercie, to the promoting and encreasing of thy kingdome, to the benefite and comfort of thy children. And we pray not onelie for our selues, but beseeche thée to make vs earnest and fervent in prayer vnto thy Maiestie, euen for others also, yea, for all men: that

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as thou art the creatour of all, so thou wouldest mercifully regard them, and continew thy gratious goodnesse and mercie, in admynistering and ordering the world, so that by no tyrannts nor wicked men, that order which thou hast established be ouerthrowne, but that spring and haruest, the rayne and fruitfull tymes, and the ioy which thou shewest and giuest by them, may prouoke all men continually to feare and loue thée, yea, to séeke thée & finde thee. That not in those outward blessings alone, but much more in thy spirite, they whome thou hast therevnto ordayned, may reioyce in thy fatherlie goodnesse by Iesus Christ. And that to this ende, it may please thee to powre out thy graces vppon men, that they may be instructed and framed meete instrumentes for the calling of all such as thou hast appoynted to be of thy Church. That these builders may be cunning and expert. That these gardiners may be wise to plant and water, with iudgement and discretion, that these Stewardes of thy misteries

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maye so behaue them selues in thy Church: that they knowing howe and wherewith to fede thy house, the glorie and beautie thereof may appeare in the eyes of all the worlde, which thou hast before so long promised, and which to see, the eyes dazell and faynt with looking for. And although we know well, O Lorde, and the cause of all myserable disorders, deformities and breaches now a dayes, is in our selues which shutte vp thine hande, and as it were binde thy armes from reachinge them out vnto vs, for our saluatiō and comfort, yet let the Lord aryse and bee mercifull vnto Sion, and haue pittie on the ruines thereof. For the tyme is come, our owne Countrey and people are before our eyes continually, whose sinne and disorder, whose ignorance & stubbernesse, whose negligence & contempt of thy word thou hast now long tyme punished, withdrawing thy hand from dooing them good. For by thy iust iudgement nowe many yeres thou hast plagued them, and vs with vile, prophane, vnlearned and vnskyl-

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full Paſtors: guiders thou haſt giuen them but to theyr ruine: Feéders, but of them ſelues, not of thy flocke. Teachers and Doctors, who haue mouthes but ſpeake not, eyes but ſée not, neyther thy iudgements vpon thy people, nor how to goe in nor out before them: and that which is moſt fearefull, thy good hand is not with thoſe Prophets which are amongſte them, who doo ſowe in déede, but the earth giueth not her encreaſe. They water, but thy plantes ryſe not in any number. They feede, but thy flocke is poore, not fatte nor beautifull. Oh let the Lord forget the ſinnes of his people. Why hath he bound them vpon his hand to looke vpon them for euer? Why hath he ſet them daye and night in the ſight of his countenaunce? we confeſſe & acknowledge againſt our ſelues, O Lorde, all our ſinnes, wée iudge and condempne our ſelues, yea, we teſtifie againſt our ſelues, that we haue deſerued that euẽ thoſe ſparkes of thy fire and heauenlie lyght which are amongſt vs, ſhould be quenched and put out, that the ſmoke

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